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ON THE COVER: Plans to restore UMW's beloved amphitheater are just a small part of what the \$50 million Mary Washington First campaign has in store. The campaign also seeks support for scholarships, program initiatives, and more.

THIS SPREAD: Students – devils clad in red, goats in green – belt out the lyrics to Mary Washington's first-ever fight song. *Soar, Eagle Nation, Soar!* debuted on Ball Circle in April at Devil-Goat Day, one of the oldest traditions on campus.

Photos by Norm Shafer



Dear Editor,

Ever since I was a freshman in 1963, **Nan Grogan Orrock '65** has been a part of my life, though she doesn't know about this. I want to thank my classmate **Mary Carter Bishop '67** for her great article on this wonderful woman (*Impatient for Justice*, spring 2014).

Nan introduced me to the unfairness and injustices in our country, especially in regard to black Americans. This, of course, was before the decades of women's rights and all the other rights that came after the 1960s. I have only a dim memory of many of the aspects of my college life, but I will never forget the time spent with Nan and also with her sweet roommate, **Kathy Burke House '65**.

Those young women changed my life. I went back to school after getting my English degree at MWC and became a nurse and then a clinical nurse specialist. I have spent my life working with people who have health problems, who are dying, and who suffer from mental



illness. I currently work as a volunteer at a primary care free clinic in central Virginia. I am not sure that my life would have gone the way that it has without the influence of Nan Grogan.

Thank you Nan, and thank you, Mary Carter, for this article in our *UMW Magazine*. I cried when I saw it. It does not go into the recycling bin!

Nina Rebori Johnston '67
Charlottesville, Va.



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Guest Editor: Put Mary Washington First

Welcome to this special edition of *UMW Magazine* devoted to the Mary Washington First campaign. Guest editor Torre Meringolo, vice president for Advancement and University Relations, has guided efforts to support President Richard V. Hurley's vision for UMW through the development and launch of this \$50 million campaign. Begun in 2011 and ending in late 2016, the Mary Washington First campaign has raised \$30 million toward its goal.

Dear Readers,

The launch of a comprehensive fundraising campaign is a special moment in the life of an institution. It provides an opportunity to showcase high-priority initiatives that need private support in order to propel them forward. More importantly, a campaign provides an opportunity for those who cherish the institution to express their support through personal investments.

The title and theme of this campaign is Mary Washington First, and the choice of this name was deliberate. President Richard V. Hurley's vision (outlined in Q&A beginning on page 16) is for Mary Washington to continue its rise among outstanding public liberal arts and sciences institutions. National campaign chairs **Dan Steen '84** and **Anne Marie Thompson Steen '83** are committed to that vision, and they are proof of the quality of alumni that Mary Washington has produced over the decades.

Not only have the Steens excelled in their careers, they have stayed a part of the life of their alma mater: attending reunions, cultural events, and celebrations; giving of their time and talents; and leading the effort to grow the financial foundation that keeps UMW strong.

Throughout their lives together, Dan and Anne Steen have put Mary Washington first among their commitments. (See page 28.)

The financial climate for public higher education today is radically different than it was 50 years ago, a time when states embraced the responsibility of providing a college education to their citizenry. As education dollars are diverted to other social needs, such as health care and infrastructure, public higher education faces a growing financial burden and challenges not seen before.

The funding differences between public and private institutions are

diminishing as public support decreases. Thus, Mary Washington must turn for support to those who know it best – its alumni family.

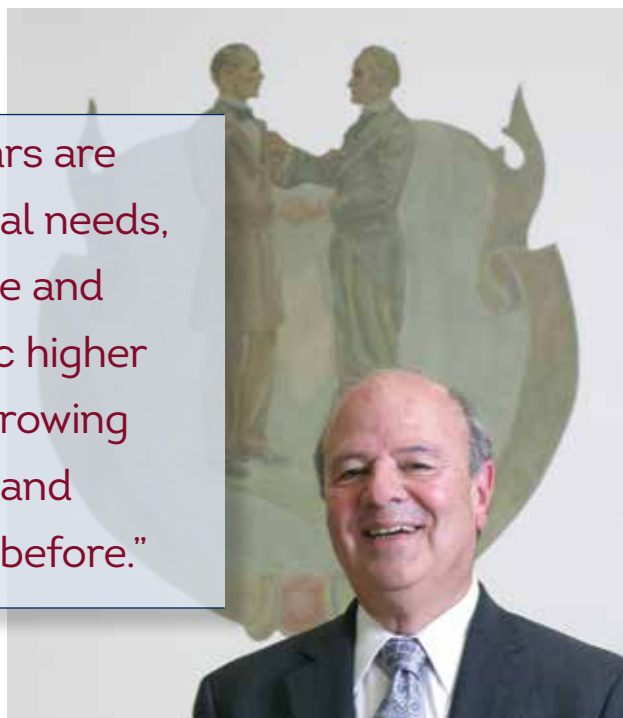
As we face this huge cultural shift away from state support, the success of Mary Washington – and of the Mary Washington First campaign – depends on you.

Sincerely,



Torre Meringolo
Guest Editor

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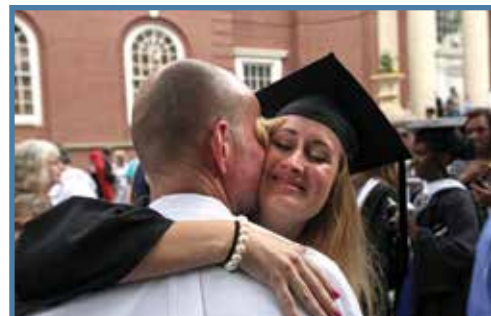
COMMENCEMENT 2014



READY FOR THE WORLD

University celebrates the Class of 2014

Photos by Norm Shafer



Whether your plan is to be scientists or singers, playwrights or poets, mathematicians or musicians, English professors or engineers, you are all equally critical from the standpoint of saving nature. – Commencement speaker Rebecca R. Rubin, founder, CEO, and president of Marstel-Day



A fulfilling life is not about all those plates each of us has spinning in the air – it's about the plates you are filling every day, directly or indirectly.
– Graduate commencement speaker Kenneth J. Lopez '92, CEO, A2L Consulting





Top Honors

The University of Mary Washington presented its top honors during commencement ceremonies Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10.



▼ Daniel W.
Lipscomb '14
*Colgate W.
Darden Jr.
Award*



▼ Mara N. Scanlon
*English
Grellet C. Simpson
Award*

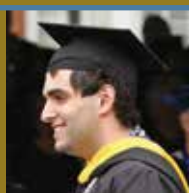


▼ Lynn Lewis
*Biology
Mary W.
Pinschmidt Award*



▲ Irene Piscopo
Rodgers '59
*Honorary Doctor
of Humane
Letters Degree*

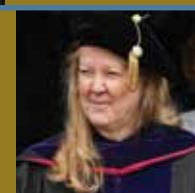
▲ Beverly D. Epps
*Education
Graduate Faculty
Award*



▲ Leah C. Tams '14
*Colgate W.
Darden Jr. Award*



▲ Charles M.
Murphy
*Political Science
Outstanding
Young Faculty
Member Award*



By the Numbers

UMW awarded these degrees in May:



491

bachelor of science

449

bachelor of arts

99

master of education

62

master of business administration

25

bachelor of professional studies

66

bachelor of liberal studies

40

master of science in
elementary education

12

master of science in management
information systems

5

master of business administration/
master of science in management
information systems







New Master's Program Puts UMW on the Map

This fall the University of Mary Washington will roll out its master's program in geospatial analysis. The 30-credit-hour program makes UMW one of only two Virginia schools to offer this advanced degree.

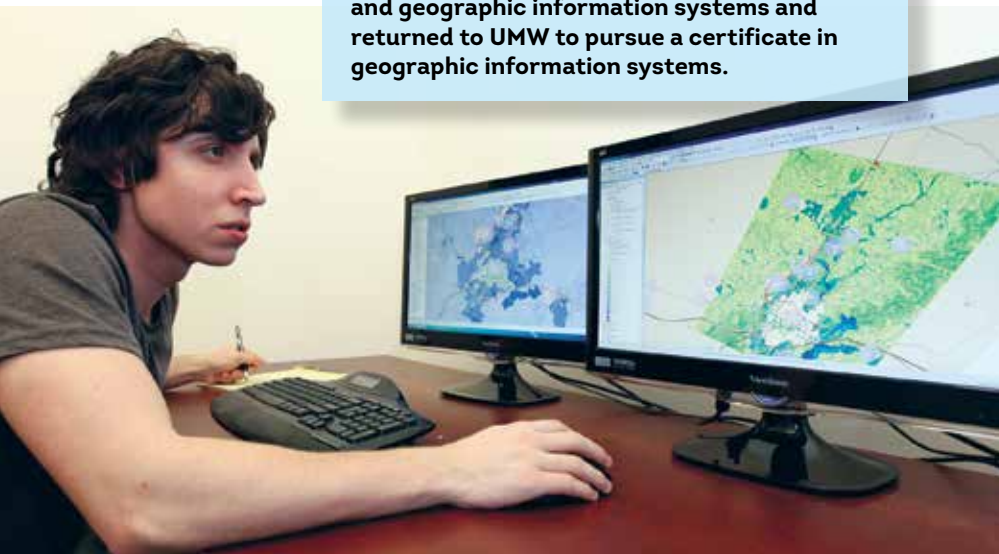
Involving mapping and the study of spatial data, geospatial analysis is used to track phenomena affecting the Earth. Its applications are vast, including monitoring water supplies, tracking real estate values, solving crimes, managing crises, following

climate change, and more.

The program, designed for recent graduates and working professionals, will combine technical training and theory with critical thinking, project management, and communication skills. It will prepare students for work in multiple areas, including urban and regional planning, all levels of government, and cartography.

Graduates will be poised to fill senior positions locally and across the country.

Jonathan Steenburg '13 majored in geography and geographic information systems and returned to UMW to pursue a certificate in geographic information systems.



Norm Shafer

Governor Names BOV Members

The Virginia Governor's Office in June announced the appointment of two UMW Board of Visitors members and the reappointment of another. Former Virginia Sen. Edd Houck, Mary Washington Healthcare (MWH) President and CEO Fred Rankin, and BOV Rector **Holly Tace Cuellar '89** will serve four-year terms, through June 2018. Houck and Rankin succeed Joseph Wilson and Xavier Richardson.

Cuellar has been a member of the UMW board since 2010 and rector since 2013. A San Diego resident, she's membership director for broadcast supply industry trade association IABM.

Houck, a longtime legislator and educator, represented the Virginia Senate's 17th District from 1984 to 2012. He earned a bachelor's degree from West Virginia's Concord College and a master's degree from the University of Virginia, both in education.

Rankin, MWH president and CEO for nearly two decades, earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a master's degree in public health from the University of Pittsburgh.

Fredericksburg Stars Sparkle

Dancing With the Fredericksburg Stars returns to Dodd Auditorium at 7 p.m. Oct. 11. Proceeds will help endow the UMW Performing Arts in the Community Scholarship.

Stars will dance with local professionals (pictured at right). Performers include dentist and UMW BOV member Theresa Crawley; Hope House Executive Director Lisa Crittenden; Rappahannock United Way President Janel Donohue; John Fick, president and CEO of J.F. Fick Inc.; Davenport & Co. Senior Vice President of Investments Regis Keddie II; Rose Hurley, wife of the UMW president; John Moss Jr., attorney for Rinehart, Butler, Hodge, Moss & Bryant; community volunteer and arts patron Florence Ridderhof; John Wack, Eastern Sports Management president and Fredericksburg Field House owner; and Joe Wilson, PermaTreat Pest Control owner and former BOV member.

Learn more at fredericksburgstars.umw.edu or by calling 540/654-1065.



Andreae Manaf

Debaters Win Big at Nationals

UMW Debate brought home a national championship this spring, thanks to the persuasive powers of **Colin McElhinny '14** and **Thomas Pacheco '14**.

The team competed March 16 at the American Debate Association National Championship, held at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

McElhinny and Pacheco were seeded second going into the final round, having beaten teams from Liberty, George Mason University, the University of Houston, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Minnesota. The final round was a rematch with Wake Forest University, the only team to defeat UMW in preliminaries. This time, the UMW debaters won a unanimous decision.

Pacheco also won the Julia Burke Award for Character and Excellence in American Debate Association Policy Debate. It was the second national championship title for UMW Debate, which also won in 2009.

Thomas Pacheco, left, and Colin McElhinny, who won a national debate championship this spring, went to Paris last year. The trip was a study tour they won for their performance in debates sponsored by the French, German, and Belgian embassies.



Kimberley Buster-Williams

Enrollment Strategist Is on the Job

Mary Washington welcomed a new associate provost for enrollment management in May. Kimberley Buster-Williams came to UMW from Northern Illinois University, where she was acting associate vice president for enrollment management.

She has been director of admissions at the University of Michigan-Flint and worked in admissions at Old Dominion University and Johnson & Wales University.

At UM-Flint, Buster-Williams oversaw a 33 percent student enrollment increase, encompassing freshman, transfer, graduate, international, returning, and high-achieving students, and veterans.

Buster-Williams, a Richmond native, earned a master's degree in education administration and an education specialist degree in higher education, both from ODU.

At UMW, she will be responsible for admissions, financial aid, and the registrar's office. She'll also chair the Enrollment Management and Retention Committee.



Alumni: Takes One to Know 'Em

Cynthia "Cindy" Lee Snyder '75, who worked closely with Mary Washington alumni for nearly 25 years, retired in late June.

In University Advancement since 1990, Snyder kept track of



Terry Cosgrove

Shin Fujiyama '07 and Cindy Snyder '75 reconnect at UMW Reunion 2010.

Mary Washington's nearly 40,000 graduates. Along the way, she developed a deep appreciation and understanding of the UMW alumni community.

Snyder's impeccable memory, grasp of details, and caring attitude allowed her to greet generations of alumni by name at university events and recount stories of their lives and careers. Just mention a Mary Washington grad and Snyder can rattle off the particulars: hometown, profession, marital status, and more.

UMW's first director of national alumni engagement, Snyder had worked since 2011 to develop and engage alumni networks across the country, including areas such as New York, New England, Atlanta, California, and Florida. She was director of alumni relations from 1990 to 2011.

A French major, Snyder formed tight-knit relationships with roommates at the French House and worked for Mary Washington as a freshman counselor, academic adviser, and honor counselor.

Arab Culture Rocks

Students celebrated the rich heritage of a diverse group of people from more than 20 countries at Mary Washington's Arab Culture Night. The March event, attended by UMW staff, faculty, and friends, featured entertainment, food, poetry, and a fashion show with traditional and modern styles. The event also included a display of cultural objects and shared facts and trivia from countries in the Middle and Near East.



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Alumna Martha G. Abbott holds her MWC beanie, once requisite wear for freshmen on campus.

Talking the Walk

By definition, teachers are leaders. They "take people to a place where they couldn't have gone without them," **Martha G. Abbott '72** told a crowd at UMW's Stafford campus in April.

The university's fourth educator-in-residence, Abbott is executive director of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

She gave graduates advice on impacting students' lives and how to find success in a teaching career. "You need to have the fundamental attitude that all kids can learn," Abbott said. "They have to feel that you think that they can learn."

Before entering the nonprofit sector, Abbott spent three decades with Fairfax County Public Schools. She majored in Spanish and minored in Latin at Mary Washington and earned a master's degree in Spanish linguistics from Georgetown University.

A 2004 UMW Distinguished Alumnus, Abbott also has been president of the Foreign Language Association of Virginia and chaired the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

Way to Go, Admissions Pro!

Jenifer L. Blair '82, a former dean of undergraduate admissions at UMW, recently received the highest honor presented to a member of the Potomac & Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling (PCACAC).

She received PCACAC's Richard L. Apperson Award, given to a member whose career embodies the ideals of the association – providing extraordinary service to students, to the organization, and to the college counseling profession. The award was

presented April 28 at the organization's spring conference in Richmond.

Blair earned an undergraduate degree in economics from Mary Washington and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Virginia.

She is vice president for enrollment services at Richard Bland College of William & Mary in Petersburg, and she serves on the Executive Committee of the UMW Alumni Association Board of Directors as the vice president of Reunion Weekend.



Jenifer L. Blair

Runners Go the Extra Mile

Staff Sgt. Mitchell Brown encourages runners in the seventh annual Marine Corps Historic Half, which took place May 18 on the streets of Fredericksburg. More than 6,000 participants ran past UMW, a sponsor of the event. University volunteers showed up near sunrise to aid runners.



A Vibrant Spring

The 24th annual Multicultural Fair brought a rainbow of sights, sounds, and tastes to campus this April. One of UMW's most popular events, the fair showcases cultures and traditions from around the world and draws thousands of people to campus each spring.

This year's fair offered performances by more than 30 music and dance groups, representing Ireland, Jamaica, and many other nations. A dozen UMW student groups, including BellACapella, Eagle Bhangra, and the UMW Salsa Club, also participated. Fifty vendors offered ethnic clothing, jewelry, pottery, instruments, and other wares, and food trucks served American and international cuisine.

The James Farmer Multicultural Center sponsors the fair to involve the greater Fredericksburg community and to illustrate UMW's commitment to enhancing cultural awareness.





Daryl Eremín

The UMW ruggers celebrate their national championship win in California in May.

The Ladies Are the Champs

The University of Mary Washington women's rugby team took home a national championship this spring. The team defeated Cal State Northridge on May 11 in the final round of the 2014 USA Rugby Division II National Championship in California.

This is the first national championship for a UMW sport club program, according to Mark Mermelstein, director of campus recreation and the fitness center. "I could not be any more proud of our women's rugby team," Mermelstein said. "This storied program has a history of success both on the pitch and within the UMW community."

This year marked the team's fourth trip to the finals, after finishing third in 2002, 2004, and 2005.

Catullo Coach of the Year

UMW women's tennis head coach Patrick Catullo was named the Virginia Sports Information Directors State College Division Coach of the Year. This is his second time as state coach of the year. He led UMW to the 2014 NCAA Tournament third round with an 18-8 record.

The Eagles were CAC champions for 11 consecutive years. This was the 16th consecutive year they advanced to the NCAA tournament.

Second Life for Trash

For the second year in a row, UMW finished first in Virginia in the annual RecycleMania competition. It also placed fourth in the nation. The top-10 finish came among 330 schools in the "per capita" category, which measures the percentage of recycling per person.

UMW's recycling efforts resulted in a greenhouse gas reduction of 343 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent. That produces the same effect as removing 67 cars from the road or eliminating the energy consumption of 30 households, according to UMW Director of Landscape and Grounds **Joni Wilson '00**.

Good Vibrations

Violin virtuoso Itzhak Perlman performed with the UMW Philharmonic Orchestra in March. The sold-out show, part of the William M. Anderson Celebrity Series, packed Dodd Auditorium. The annual series, now beginning its 12th season, has featured such talent as Broadway maestro Marvin Hamlisch, folk singer Judy Collins, country music legend Kenny Rogers, and renowned flutist Sir James Galway.



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LINK TO OUR FUTURE



MARY WASHINGTON FIRST IS A FIVE-YEAR, \$50 MILLION FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN. LAUNCHED QUIETLY IN 2011, THE EFFORT JUST ENTERED ITS PUBLIC PHASE, WITH \$30 MILLION RAISED.

THIS IS YOUR PLACE.

It's where you made friends, challenged your intellect, and learned to be an adult – able to make your own way and contribute to the world. You've moved on now, but you're still a part of this university, as important a part as Campus Walk, Ball Circle, and the bell tower.

The summer 2014 edition of *University of Mary Washington Magazine* features photos, stories, and commentary about the Mary Washington First campaign, a vital link in ensuring that this university, your university, expands its mission for generations to come.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

A Q&A With the President

Recently, Anna Barron Billingsley, associate vice president for University Relations, sat down with President Richard V. Hurley to talk about his plans for the University of Mary Washington. What follows are highlights of their conversation.

How does the Mary Washington First campaign fulfill your vision for the university?

I want the University of Mary Washington to be one of the nation's premier public liberal arts and sciences universities. Private funds are key to having that dream become a reality. A campaign like Mary Washington First not only attracts new donors, but it also engages ongoing supporters and excites them about the university's future.

What will this campaign do for UMW?

Money raised through Mary Washington First will allow us to do things this institution otherwise couldn't do – offer more scholarships, endow more professorships, and enhance research and internship opportunities. All of these assist us in attracting the best and brightest students and faculty.

It's vitally important.

Also, this campaign will help establish what I have been striving toward: a culture of philanthropic giving. I want giving back to be part of UMW's DNA – as students, as staff, as alumni. Ongoing support is essential to this institution.

What excites you most about this campaign?

I have to say the restoration of the amphitheater. We have a tremendously beautiful landscape feature just sitting there in disarray. Alumni have such fond memories of that campus icon; its rebirth will be a tangible fruit of our fundraising labors. In my mind, that is one of the last pieces of our facilities puzzle. We will have a state-of-the-art convergence center and a welcoming and warm campus center – those structures, combined with what we have across the street in Eagle Village, will help complete the capital vision for this campus.

I'm also thrilled that Mary Washington First will allow us to grow our endowment, a move that will sustain the university well into the future.

You spend a lot of time talking with students, families, faculty, staff, and alumni. How do you feel when you meet or hear about members of the UMW community who have made a mark on the world?



It makes me incredibly proud! What never ceases to intrigue me is the number of graduates who are not working in the field of their degree. What that says is this: The broad-based education you get at Mary Washington will prepare you for anything you do in life. You will excel at writing, speaking, and critical thinking.

What do you say to someone who asks, “Why should I give to UMW?”

My answer goes hand in hand with the previous response. Look at who we’ve produced! To continue our rich history of launching incredible individuals, we need private support. That is what will propel this great institution into the future.

It’s so important to maintain and continue to advance the tremendous impact we’ve had on students’ lives for more than 100 years. We’re at a point now in our history at which

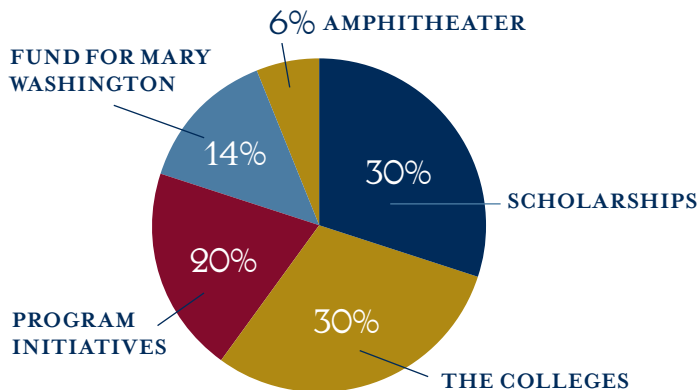
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philanthropic giving is going to push us into a better future, a stronger future. With the success of this campaign, UMW can accomplish great things. 🏛️

DOLLARS AT WORK

Mary Washington First campaign furthers president’s vision of excellence



The Mary Washington First campaign, which began in 2011 and ends in December 2016, has reached \$30 million of its \$50 million goal. All gifts to Mary Washington – large or small – will help advance UMW as a premier liberal arts and sciences university.



**\$15 MILLION GOAL
SCHOLARSHIPS**



**\$15 MILLION GOAL
THE COLLEGES (\$5 million each)**
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business
College of Education



**\$10 MILLION GOAL
PROGRAM INITIATIVES**



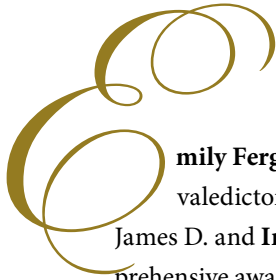
**\$7 MILLION GOAL
FUND FOR MARY WASHINGTON**



**\$3 MILLION GOAL
AMPHITHEATER**

COURTING EXCELLENCE

Photos by Norm Shafer



Emily Ferguson '17 could have gone Ivy League. Instead, the high school valedictorian and future physician chose Mary Washington, lured by the James D. and **Irene Piscopo Rodgers '59** Alvey Scholarship, a full four-year comprehensive award.

Private gifts like Rodgers', which support the academic pursuits of UMW's faculty and students, are crucial to bringing the best and brightest to campus. Premier colleges and universities embrace the time-honored tradition of establishing endowed scholarships and endowed distinguished chairs and professorships.

The **Shirley Van Epps Waple '52** Professorships, for example, offer faculty members enhanced financial support for two years for research in their disciplines. These eight endowed awards enable UMW to attract, retain, and acknowledge outstanding faculty who are distinguished in their fields.

A psychology major at Mary Washington, Waple, who died in 2010, became a credit counselor. She co-founded the Professional Adjustment Bureau of Troy, N.Y., with late husband Harry, helping scores of clients improve their financial lives. Inspired by her own liberal arts experience, she wanted the professorships to recognize excellence in teaching, research, and scholarship. Her bequest also supports awards for research and graduate teaching.



*Shirley
Van Epps Waple*

In the tradition of selective academic institutions, supporters of Mary Washington have established scholarships that cover the full cost of attendance to a handful of outstanding prospective students. The Washington Scholars program offers such benefits to superior in-state students, and the Alvey Scholars program, named in memory of longtime dean Edward Alvey Jr., does the same for those from out of state.

Rodgers has established a second Alvey award, the Justin and Helen Piscopo Alvey Scholarship, in memory of her parents. Rodgers majored in chemistry at Mary Washington, completed a master of science degree in chemistry at the University of Michigan, and became an expert consultant in high performance microscopy. She is an active advocate for her alma mater, and UMW recognized her accomplishments with an honorary doctorate of humane letters at commencement in May.

What follows are the stories of one student and three professors who have pursued their academic passions and, with generous private support, bring the best to Mary Washington.

Learning to Change Lives

Laura Dick '13 left high school with the credentials of a scholar and her choice of colleges. She was looking to study international development, maybe at Swarthmore or Haverford College. Then the St. Louis native heard of Mary Washington and its Alvey Scholarship for out-of-state students. Its full tuition, fees, room, and board turned her head.

Dick visited campus and met **Christine Exley '09**, who was also passionate about development. Exley was a Washington Scholar, the in-state equivalent of an Alvey. She had studied with Shawn Humphrey, associate professor of economics, and was about to graduate in math and economics.

While Exley was an undergrad, she and Humphrey had started La Ceiba microfinance institution and the \$2 Challenge. Exley showed Dick around the economics department and introduced her to the faculty. "She really loved the school," Dick said of Exley, who now is finishing a Ph.D. at Stanford. "And she really sold Dr. H."

Exley hadn't merely studied development with Humphrey, Dick said. "It was the actual *doing* thing, not just talking about it but doing something," Dick said.

Mary Washington awarded her the **Irene Piscopo Rodgers '59**

Alvey Scholarship, and the deal was sealed. "Part of it was a financial consideration," Dick said, "and part of it was that Mary Washington just felt more right."

Dick majored in economics and anthropology; she helped continue the work of Humphrey, Exley, and other students. "At Mary Washington, with La Ceiba and the \$2 Challenge and all of the organizations I got involved in, it wasn't just about awareness – it was about engaging with the world," Dick said. "And that was what I really wanted."

Dick's undergraduate studies of gender and land rights prepared her to work for the USAID LAND Project in Kigali, Rwanda, where until recently she researched women's rights and how they affected women's access to land.

Soon, Dick will start a Ph.D. program in agricultural economics with a focus on development at the University of California at Davis. She hopes to help aid organizations and governments better serve the poor.

"I want to do research, but I don't want to have it just spin off into the void of academics," Dick said. "I want it to actually help people's lives."

IT WASN'T JUST ABOUT
AWARENESS – IT WAS
ABOUT ENGAGING
WITH THE WORLD.

— Laura Dick



Laura Dick calls Irene Piscopo Rodgers "inspiring." The alumnae met in 2010 and began corresponding by handwritten letters.

Honoring *the Ordinary*

Though they lived more than two centuries ago, the people Allyson Poska calls “my peasants” experienced day-to-day drama that rivals any TV reality show. The UMW professor of history spins juicy tales of intemperance, extramarital liaisons, and murders, naming names and making connections. The Shirley Van Epps Waple Professor has made their business her business: enriching the historical record.

“I study ordinary people,” Poska said of her career and of her latest research on the lives of Spanish peasant women who were brought to colonize the Argentine region of Patagonia in the 1780s. “In my profession, that’s really different.”

Poska has spent hundreds of hours in archives in South America and Spain, poring over manuscripts in early modern Spanish. Deciphering letters, court papers, and other documents, the UMW Waple professor mines the intimate details of lives uprooted by the Spanish government to populate an area coveted by England. The resulting book, the working title of which is *Gendered Crossings*, will shed light on the lives of women as they moved around the Spanish empire. The University of New

Mexico Press expects to publish the book in 2016.

Gendered Crossings follows Poska’s critically acclaimed *Women and Authority in Early Modern Spain: The Peasants of Galicia*, published by Oxford University Press. In it, Poska told the stories of peasant women whose men had migrated. She explored how the men’s absence changed the social dynamic and gave the women surprising social and economic authority.

It was awarded the prestigious Roland H. Bainton Prize for the best book in history or theology for the quality and originality of Poska’s research, her methodological skill and innovation, her fresh interpretations, and the quality of her writing.

“I love the drama of regular people,” Poska said. “It’s so much a part of who I am.”

I STUDY ORDINARY
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PROFESSION, THAT’S
REALLY DIFFERENT.

—Allyson Poska



Allyson Poska spends hours with manuscripts written in early modern Spanish.

Teaching to Learn

Assistant Professor of Accounting **Dave Henderson '95** wants his students to learn about accounting practices and information systems. But the Shirley Van Epps Waple Professor seeks to impart a more profound lesson, one that will see the undergraduates through every facet of their lives.

He helps them learn to keep learning. That's a skill Henderson believes UMW is uniquely poised to impart. He's his own case study.

As a Mary Washington undergraduate, Henderson envisioned using his economics and business double major to ascend the ranks of the corporate world.

But his liberal arts classes challenged him to learn in unexpected ways – to figure out how to identify a location by one photograph, for example, or to recognize a composer by just a few bars of music.

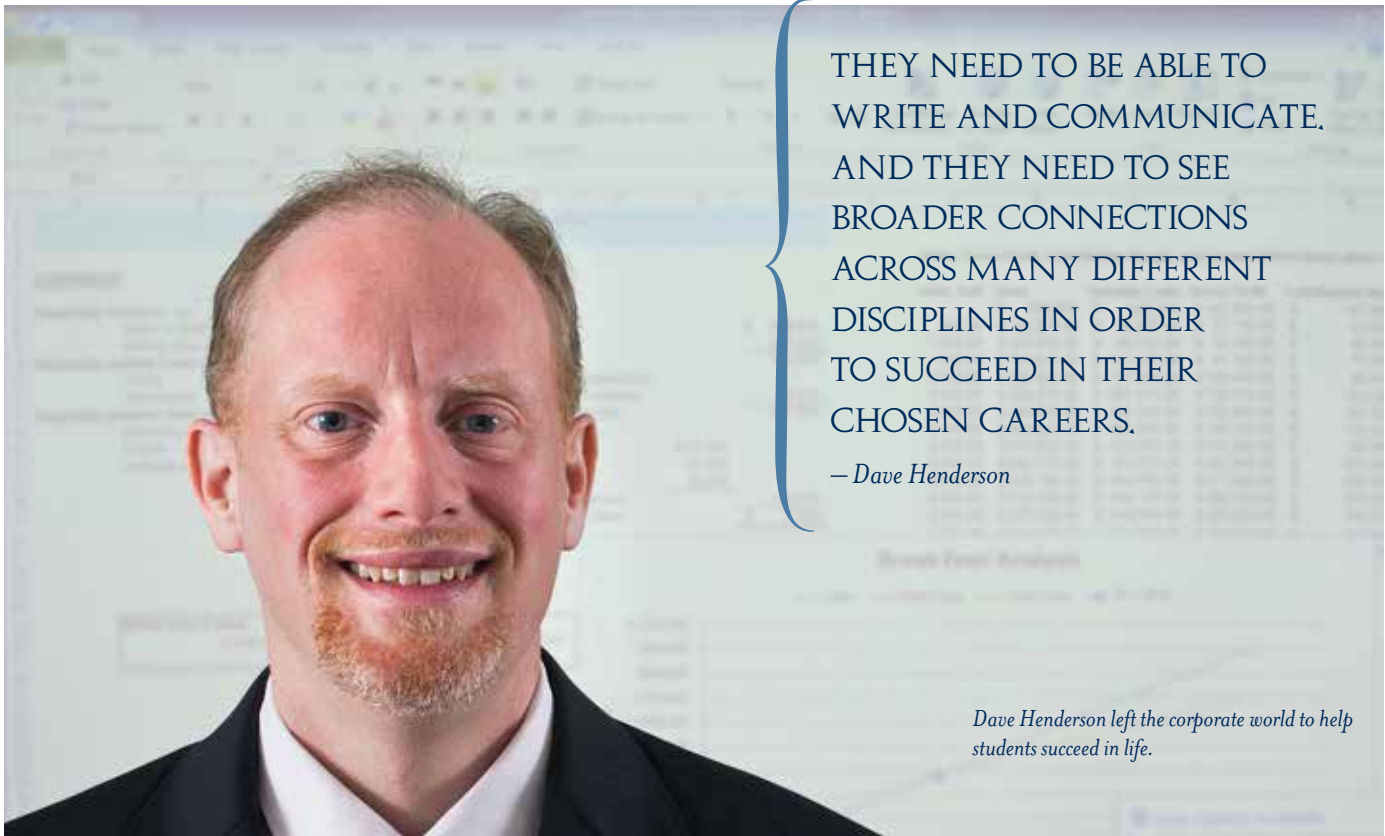
That ability to learn from seemingly unconnected sources helped Henderson shape a career in financial analysis, accounting, and information systems. Ultimately, it gave him the flexibility to

trade corporate-world success for a career as a college professor.

While working full time, Henderson earned a master's degree in information systems technology from George Washington University, and soon became an adjunct instructor.

"I started thinking I really liked teaching, and I enjoy it better than my day job," Henderson recalled. He earned a Ph.D. in accounting and information systems at Virginia Tech in 2007 and taught at the College of Charleston. He joined the UMW faculty in January 2012, returning with wife **Jennifer Rice Henderson '94** to the campus where they met. As a Waple professor, Henderson is deepening his interest in relating his subject matter to the liberal arts – encouraging students to connect business-world situations to literature, history, and other fields.

"They need to be able to write and communicate," he said of his students. "And they need to see broader connections across many different disciplines in order to succeed in their chosen careers."



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— Dave Henderson

Dave Henderson left the corporate world to help students succeed in life.

Planning for the Future

STEM – science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – gets a lot of love these days in educational circles, but Professor of Education George Meadows believes the “E” part of the acronym is due more attention.

The Shirley Van Epps Waple Professor, who teaches future elementary through high school science teachers, knows that the Virginia Standards of Learning emphasize the traditional sciences of biology, chemistry, and physics. But change is inevitable, and he wants schools, teachers, and the students themselves to be ready.

Traditional sciences have labs, Meadows said. “What does engineering have? It has a makerspace.”

That is, a space where users collaborate to employ and improve 3D printers and their increasingly adept MakerBot offspring.

As a Waple professor, Meadows has devoted time and money toward equipping Fredericksburg-area elementary schools with the fast-evolving technological tools.

He’s built support among teachers, parents, and administrators, but he didn’t have to convince the students themselves.

Kids gravitate to technologies that let them envision objects in virtual space, then give those imagined objects physical shape by heating and extruding plastic.

Meadows understands perfectly – he was captivated by the idea when he first read about it. With colleagues in the Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies, he introduced the concept to UMW three years ago in a space provided by the Simpson Library. Now, the College of Education has its own LearnerSpace on the Stafford campus to foster collaboration among teachers and K-12 students.

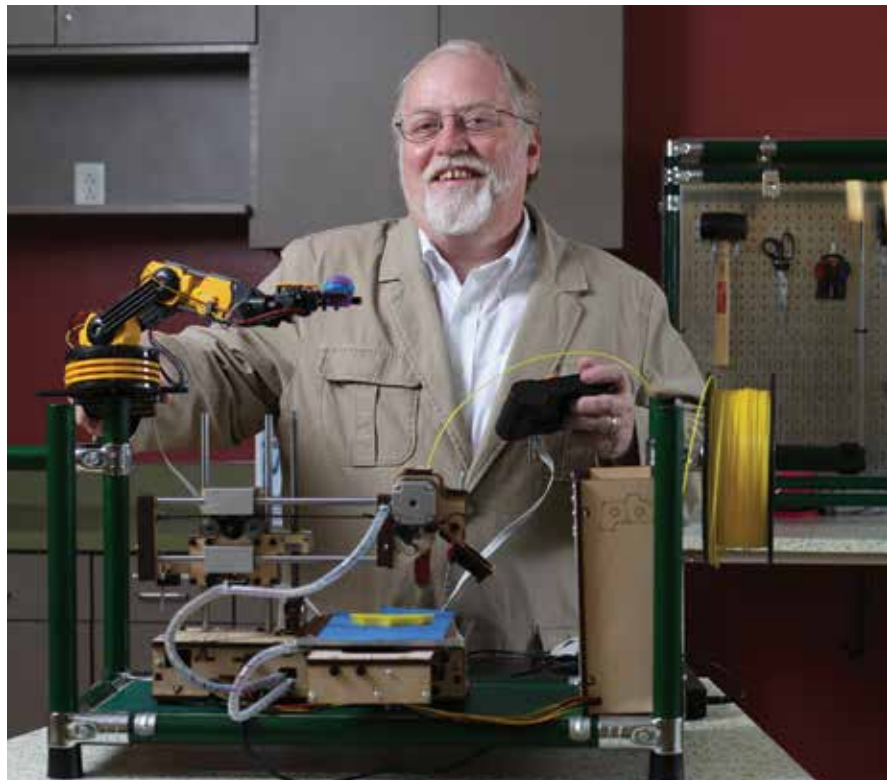
From the initial do-it-yourself kit printers, the technology has expanded to include scanners that can re-create objects in 3D, alternative keyboards, and pen-size handheld printers that melt and extrude plastic as fast as a user can think of something to make.

As the technology becomes cheaper, more available, and easier to use, Meadows expects other area schools to dedicate space and instructional time to this most modern example of engineering. And he’s making sure teachers educated at UMW will be ready to lead the charge. 🏠

WHAT DOES
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— George Meadows

*George Meadows shares 3D-printer technology
with public school teachers and students.*



ESPECIALLY OURS

*I*t opened with a flourish, a sylvan setting for commencements, May Day celebrations, concerts, plays, and the rituals of campus life. But nature had its way with the Mary Washington amphitheater, chipping at its Greek-style columns and graceful character as a century slid by.

Even in its darkest hour, with words like “decrepit,” “dilapidated,” and “dangerous” hurled its way, this refuge off Campus Walk drew visitors. The birches and oaks that enclose the amphitheater keep their secrets – of private thoughts, late-night trysts, promises spoken.

Now a major makeover is planned for this iconic campus spot. Thanks to a \$1 million gift from Robert S. and **Alice Andrews Jepson '64**, and two other significant alumni donations, nearly half of the estimated \$3 million cost of renovations has been raised.

Architects, consulting with historic preservationists, plan restored and replaced elements, weather-resilient seating for 600 rising into spruced-up woods, and handicap accessibility. The project will modernize the amphitheater but preserve its character – with columns and pergolas – leaving it looking much as it did in the early 1950s.

“Everybody seems to have a special spot for the amphitheater,” said Mary Washington’s final May Queen, **Sally Monroe Kelly '68**. She hadn’t expected such excitement from students and alumni over plans to repair and renovate the space. “Maybe we all spent some alone-time there. It’s hard to put your finger on it.”

Turn to pages 26 and 27 to read more alumni memories of the amphitheater.





If the amphitheater isn't repaired soon it could be lost forever, architectural consultants say. Renderings projecting the amphitheater's appearance after restoration were prepared by Train & Partners Architects of Charlottesville.



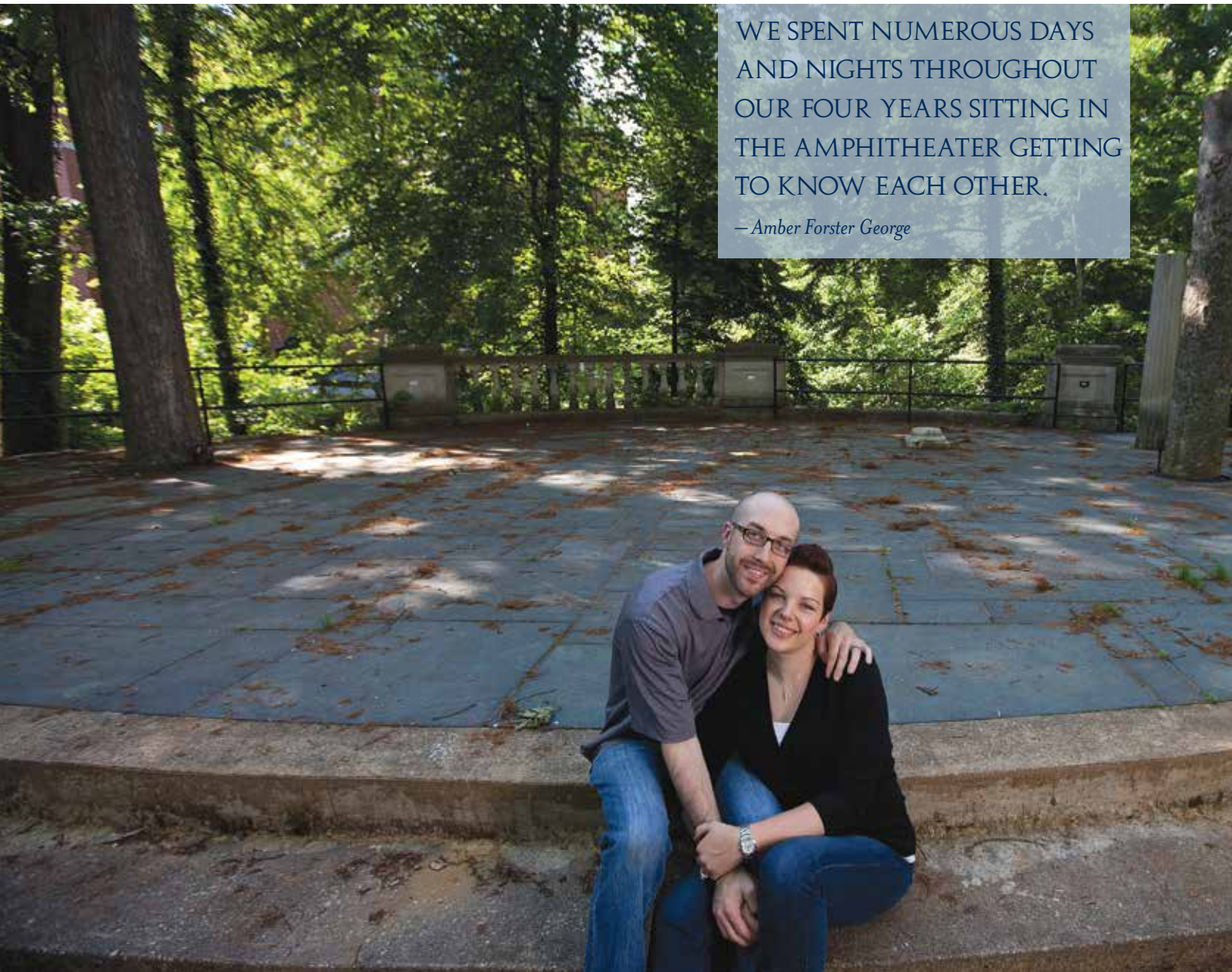
IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST PIVOTAL MOMENTS OF MY LIFE. — *Mary Anne Burns*



◀ In 1968, then-sophomore **Mary Anne Burns '71** spent most of her time in Trinkle Library. Scholarship was her bliss and reason to be at Mary Washington, so she had little interest in the outside world. That changed one day when she emerged from the library and heard a small commotion in the amphitheater. **Glenna Booth '70** was leading an animated conversation there, speaking from the heart about a topic of obvious importance to her.

Curious, Burns walked down and took a seat at the very back. “Glenna said things I had been unaware of, things going on in Southeast Asia that did not sound like my country,” Burns said. Of the *Bullet* photo of that discussion, she added, “You can see in these faces how she evoked our concern and got us to think.”

Burns walked back to Mason Hall that night knowing she had to learn more about this war in Vietnam. “It was one of the most pivotal moments of my life,” she said.



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— *Amber Forster George*

THE STAIRS WERE WOBBLY, AND IN LONG DRESSES AND HEELS,
IT WAS HARD TO WALK. BUT IT WAS ALWAYS A BEAUTIFUL SETTING.

— Sally Monroe Kelly '68, the last MWC May Queen

THAT AMPHITHEATER WAS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE
AMONG THOSE TALL, OVERARCHING FALL
TREES, EVEN IF IT WAS IN A STATE OF DISREPAIR.

— Eric Robert Nolan '94, who portrayed Fletcher McGee in
a 1990 production of *Spoon River Anthology*



◀ Amber Forster George '07 and Stephen

George '07 met on the second day of freshman orientation, waiting in line to buy textbooks. From that day forward, Amber said, they were inseparable.

"We spent numerous days and nights throughout our four years sitting in the amphitheater getting to know each other – talking, sharing, laughing, crying, and even sitting in the silence, hand in hand, soaking in the beauty and serenity of the amphitheater. The first time he told me he loved me we were sitting alone in that very amphitheater. Eleven years later, we have children and a bounty of memories between us, yet that amphitheater will always hold a very special place in our hearts. I am so thankful UMW is taking the time and resources to allow other students the opportunity we had to experience what we feel is one of UMW's most precious hidden gems."



I REMEMBER ... WATCHING THE
LUNAR ECLIPSE [THERE] MY
SENIOR YEAR IN 2008.

— Charlene Patrick MacPherson '08

I HAVE FOND MEMORIES
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MY SENIOR YEAR.

— Lynn Trundle '71



Norm Shafer

STEPPING UP TO LEAD

By Lisa Chinn '92 Photo by Norm Shafer

As her late-morning class wrapped up for the day, **Anne Marie Thompson Steen '83** and her friends let their thoughts wander from political science to a more pressing topic: lunch. As usual, though, a classmate's last-minute questions would keep them from Seacobeck.

Anne found her future husband, the ever-inquisitive **Daniel K. Steen '84**, "annoying" back then.

But the 1981 student government elections would bring change to the undergrads, both political and personal. Working together – Anne, a junior, as vice president; Dan, a sophomore, as lobby chairman – they became friends. Three decades later, with the lessons they learned in college polished by lives and careers, the Steens are poised to push UMW even further.

"I get excited about it," Dan said of the Mary Washington First campaign, which the Steens are chairing. "Mary Washington made a tremendous difference in our lives and the lives of so many friends. Anne and I are passionate about what the university has to offer."

What Mary Washington offered in the early '80s was a start. Dan, a political science and history major, was set on practicing law. Anne, who majored in economics and built a career in higher education, tested the waters, taking everything from organic chemistry to philosophy.

"Mary Washington is a terrific laboratory," she said. "I experimented my entire time there."

She and Dan were leaders on campus, often paving the way for each other's successes. Anne was Student Association president one year; Dan held the title the next. Anne was the first student representative on the Mary Washington Board of Visitors (BOV); Dan, who helped establish the position, was second. Anne spoke at President Prince Woodard's memorial service; Dan spoke at President Bill Anderson's inauguration.

After a Randolph Hall break-in, the late professor Ray Merchant gave Anne and her hall mates this advice: You can gripe about problems, or you can fix them. Anne chose the latter and focused on campus safety.

Dan was the voice of the students in Richmond, their advocate in everything from mandating residence hall smoke detectors to setting the 21-year-old drinking age.

"He's a dog on a bone when he gets something going," Anne said of his volunteer work. "Watching his level of commitment, you would've thought he was getting paid to do the job."

Supported by beloved Mary Washington professors and administrators, Anne and Dan developed leadership skills.

Though she set him up with some of her girlfriends, something else was developing, too.

Classmate **Scott Harris '83**, now director of UMW's James Monroe Museum, remembers telling Anne that Dan really liked her. "Quit hemming and hawing," Harris said, "and let's just get on with it."

Halfway through Anne's senior year, Dan asked her out. They married in 1987, surrounded by former classmates and faculty.

They make their home in Arlington, Va., where they have raised two children. Dan earned a law degree from the University of Virginia and is vice president of global government affairs for international glass manufacturer Owens-Illinois. Anne, who has a master's degree in counselor education from U.Va., is director of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service career center.

"From the beginning, we were very much a Mary Washington couple," said Dan, who served two terms on the BOV, one term as rector.

If it concerns their alma mater – from recruiting to reunion, from the Alumni Association to the Mary Washington First campaign – the Steens are all in. 🏡



THERE'S A CERTAIN ENERGY AT MARY
WASHINGTON. WE'RE FORTUNATE THAT
IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE INVOLVED
IN AND COMMITTED TO TOGETHER.

—Anne Marie Thompson Steen



Reunion Weekend, May 30 to June 1



Below, from left: Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award winner Daniel K. Steen '84, Distinguished Alumna Iris Harrell '69, Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award winner Patti Boise Kemp '69, Outstanding Young Alumnus Andrew M. Ward '01





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Karen Pearlman '00

Anne Marie Pipan '14 and **Robert W. Sharp '14** wore UMW pride on their faces at last year's Homecoming Weekend.

Reunion committee members wanted!

Reunion Weekend 2015, May 29-31



Bill Petros

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From left: Class of 1979's Karin Hedberg, Gayle Weinberger Petro, Nancy Quaintance Nelles, Nena Lee Kobayashi, Bonnie Berry, Donna Anaya, and Lisa Bratton Soltis get nostalgic during Reunion Weekend 2014.

Greetings, fellow Mary Washington grads,

The Alumni Association Board of Directors serves as the voice of the alumni. I would like to extend warm thanks to the incomparable **Patti Boise Kemp '69**, who served as president for the past two years. The Board of Visitors, UMW President Richard V. Hurley, and the faculty genuinely care about the alumni perspective. Patti has been our ever-present champion.

Mary Washington is a unique place where we spent memorable and rewarding years. As alumni, we all owe part of our intellectual, community, and financial successes to Mary Washington. I am honored to serve as Alumni Association president for the next two years. My hope is to advance three simple goals.

First, I urge each of you to attend Mary Washington events organized by the regional networks. Whether a happy hour, a favorite professor delivering remarks, or a yield event to encourage high school students to join



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– Mikhael "Mike" Charnoff '95

our community, these affairs are enjoyable opportunities to see old classmates and make new friends. Get involved. And please come visit your gorgeous campus.

Second, I challenge all alumni to think of Mary Washington when looking for bright, industrious, and well-schooled interns and employees. We are all proud when we see Mary Washington recognized by national publications. Now let's help put these great minds to work.

Third, please think of Mary Washington's health as an institution. There are many worthy causes, but there are few other places where you can see a donation translate so directly into grateful students, appreciated professors, and a picturesque school.

Thanks. See you soon!

Mikhael "Mike" Charnoff '95
Alumni Association President

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Anna Roberts Ware wrote right away. I usually put her note in a safe place hoping for more news. I lost it and finally found it on the *Class Notes* due date. Thank you, Anna, for being on time. She enjoyed watching the celebration of the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' first appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, found herself humming to *Yesterday*, and said she'd never paid attention to them before. Her daughter was coming for dinner and to take her grocery shopping. At her January family reunion, Anna walked between two men in 4 inches of snow. She was the oldest; the youngest was 7 months. Anna hadn't been able to get in touch with **Nancy Gravatt Tucker** and **Nettie Evans Lawrey**.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray plays bridge every week and duplicate sometimes. She uses a cane and drives but doesn't travel. In 60

years in Nantucket, she'd never seen a winter as cold and snowy. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were well and thriving.

Mary Ellen Starkey was doing well, uses a cane, and has a lady in to help her. **Isabel Hildrup Klein** moved to a Southport, N.C., health and rehabilitation center. I hadn't been able to get in touch with Isabel since she told me Bob passed away this winter. She has support from family and was expecting her first great-grandchild.

Nancy Turner Duval Andrews '44, mother of **Mary Turner Andrews**

Nancy Robertson Guthrie '47 married a Marine from Quantico in 1945, has lived in Atlanta for 43 years, has four children and eight grandchildren, and still travels.

Deworken '75, passed away in August. Mary said her mother was proud of her ties to Mary Washington College and the Class of '44, and shared happy memories from MWC with her family. Mary thanks the college and Nancy's friends for helping make her the special person she was.

I (**Phyllis Quimby Anderson**) play bridge, sing in the choir and volunteer at church, do Meals on Wheels with my son, and am in the Red Hat Society. I walk with a cane if it's icy, and I don't drive at night. My son has been staying here, deciding whether to go back to his house in Utah. He's been a big help in and around the house. He has his first car, a '55 Thunderbird, here and has been working on it. My newly married daughter and her husband live upstairs in sort of an apartment while they house hunt. I expected my fourth great-grandchild in August.

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Nancy Robertson Guthrie met and married a Marine from Quantico in 1945, has lived in Atlanta for 43 years, has four children and eight grandchildren, and still travels. She remembers Mrs. Bushnell at Mary Washington and said, "The rules were quite strict ... it was all girls!" Nancy no longer hears from classmates. One of her

Gore photographed her new gingerbread house, depicting a schoolhouse with a bell tower, gingerbread children at recess, a peppermint slide, and a teacher standing in the doorway. Betty and her late husband, Hershel, reared two daughters and two sons, who have given her six grandchildren. Two granddaughters, students at nearby Oakton High, named her Christmas creation for their school and added their own festive touches. Betty does water exercise, volunteers with the Vienna, Va., Woman's Club, plays bridge, and enjoys family gatherings. Betty attended New York's American Watercolor Society show in April, her grandson's graduation from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in May, and a Gore family reunion in Richmond. An avid Washington Nationals fan, she attended a home game. In October, she joined an Elderhostel in Warwick, N.Y., to learn more about playing bridge. In November, she shared a celebration of her birthday and Thanksgiving with her daughters and their families in New York. Her sons and their families also were in NYC to see her granddaughter, Trisha Gore, in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as one of 800 dancers in "Spirit of America Cheer." Betty also has a granddaughter who is a junior at George Mason, a grandson in his third year at U.Va., and a grandson who is a senior at Thomas Jefferson High.

Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood wrote and illustrated a Christmas original featuring the residents of her Rum Bridge Kennel in Georgetown, Del. In keeping with tradition, Blackie put on a production of *The Nutcracker*, with apologies to Tchaikovsky. Her unique ballet featured the "Corps de Basset," with the iconic roles portrayed by her bassets and dachshunds. Blackie is still an AKC judge, but after years of involvement in the annual

daughters was planning a summer party to celebrate Nancy's 90th birthday.

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If summer's weather proves as severe as that of winter, we may wish for the return of record-low temperatures.

For her annual Christmas card,
Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer

Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood '49 put on a four-legged production of *The Nutcracker*, featuring the "Corps de Basset" – her bassets and dachshunds.



Westminster show, is content to enjoy the telecast from Madison Square Garden.

Dolores “Dee” Ross plans her annual Christmas card around her adorable dog. Her most recent featured Joe against a crimson background, sedately sitting by a matching pillow embroidered with a golden halo over the words “good dog.” Dee

17! Gwen got an early start when she left MWC freshman year to wed Jack and start a family. If our math is correct, Gwen and Jack were to celebrate their 69th anniversary in October.

In the midst of Christmas preparations and performances, **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** was thinking about Reunion Weekend, beginning on

displays, and anticipated many evening music programs. Anne is active in the League of Women Voters, is a member of their garden and grounds committee, and even with her bad back, leads a monthly hike. Claude keeps busy with responsibilities at Glen Meadows. They attend the local Methodist church, where Anne volunteers at the thrift shop.

Last year **Lucretia “Lucy” Vance Gilmer** lost her sister, her brother, other family members, and close friends, attending more than a dozen visitations, funerals, and memorial services. She and a few remaining classmates attended their class of ’45 high school reunion luncheon. Lucy wrote a newsletter for her “other” college, Sullins, notifying classmates of an April reunion. She had her house painted. Her brother’s daughters and grandson came to Lucy’s for lunch at Thanksgiving.

Elva Tate Hasher of Mechanicsville, Va., celebrated her 88th birthday on Mother’s Day, then fell and broke her wrist.

In the last *Class Notes*, we described the latest role of our peripatetic actress, **Corrine “Conni” Conley Stuart** in Toronto, which sent her west to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, last November for the horror movie *Wolf Cop*. Filming a lengthy scene outdoors in snowy weather, she wore layers of clothing under her costume. Wardrobe also provided her with a full-length white shearling coat. Imagine Conni’s surprise when her agent arranged for her to be given that coat, which she said is perfect for Toronto’s frequent blizzards. In March, Conni saw clips and did additional dialogue for the film, scheduled to open June 6 (D-Day!). She also looked forward to the premiere of *Cas & Dylan* in April at a Toronto International Film Festival theater. Its star, Richard Dreyfuss,

was to be there. Conni claimed she was “briefly crazy” in her role but said it seemed funny when they shot it.

We found **Joyce Hamilton Eisler**’s new email address and reconnected. She and her husband of 60 years, Joe, live in a Lansdale, Pa., retirement community. On Valentine’s Day, they were featured in a front-page newspaper story in *The Reporter*. Originally from Lexington, Va., Joyce and Joe knew of each other but didn’t meet until their blind date in summer 1951. Back from ROTC training, Joe needed a date for a fraternity party and friends suggested Joyce. “When I heard it was Joe Eisler, I was disappointed,” Joyce said with a laugh. “We moved in different circles.” But something clicked, and the summer was full of parties at Joe’s fraternity. They fell in love and two years later were married at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Lexington, which both their parents had been instrumental in building. Joe finished Naval OCS training and began his three-year service. They lived in government housing in Virginia, where eldest son David was born in 1955. They moved to Jacksonville, Fla., then Orange, Texas, where Joyce found a little house beside railroad tracks that shook every time a train passed. When his service ended, Joe took a job with Lees Carpets and was told they’d probably move every three to five years. They had two more children, Anne and Douglas, in the ’60s. When they moved, they’d get involved with Welcome Wagon, the local church, and book clubs. Their family was adaptable, and they credit their success as a couple to compromise and teamwork. On that special Valentine’s Day, they planned a dinner at the William Penn Inn. “We’ve had a whole life full of love and great memories,” Joyce added.

As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

Anne “Miami” McCaskill Libis ’49 and Claude took an Elderhostel/Road Scholar trip to Charlottesville and visited the homes of Presidents Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe.

returns to Mary Washington for official and unofficial functions, and enjoys meeting with her scholarship recipients during the annual April Donor Appreciation Luncheon. Later in April Dee was to receive a special honor about which we’ll report next time. Earlier in the year Dee took a few day trips. In March, she planned to join her Kilmarnock bank group, fly to Memphis, board a paddleboat, cruise down the Mississippi, and tour New Orleans. Meanwhile, Joe was well attended by a neighbor.

Jean “Murph” Murphy Baptist of Martinsville, Va., is sad to read in *Class Notes* of the passing of so many classmates. Murph mourned the passing of her dear roommate **Virginia “Jinny” Merrill MacLeod**, whom she thinks of often. Murph reported a possible shoulder surgery, which she hoped might relieve pain. She has five great-grandsons and expected a great-granddaughter in January.

Margaret “Peggy” Walton Mason is also sad to learn of the loss of classmates in *Class Notes*. Peggy’s great-grandson was born to her only granddaughter and her husband in Decatur, Ga., in February. Her first great-grandson was born the previous February in Ashburn, Va. We believe our record for great-grands continues to be held by **Gwen Brubaker Connell** of Fort Myers, Fla., who currently has

Memorial Day again this year. She doubted our class attendance would be large but felt the need to at least show up, even for just a day trip for lunch on Saturday to see everybody. This year was to mark the 13th official reunion that B.B. and her BFFs, **Jane Yeatman Spangler** of Concord, N.C., **Charlotte “Chot” Baylis Rexon** of Haddonfield, N.J., and **Dorothy “Dotty” Booker Pinkham** of Montpelier, Vt., had attended – a record of which they, and we, should be proud. B.B. promised to try to keep her group, and their record, intact.

Last year **Anne “Miami” McCaskill Libis** was hospitalized in January with pneumonia but recovered nicely. Claude recovered from his stroke of a year ago but was diagnosed with prostate cancer, which hadn’t spread. He was undergoing eight weeks of radiation. They took an Elderhostel/Road Scholar trip to Charlottesville – probably their last overnight journey – and visited the homes of presidents Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe. Through activities at their Glen Meadows residence, the Libises saw an outdoor bluegrass concert at a historic mill, attended the Baltimore Symphony concert season, visited an Amish home and farm, and saw a display of ancient mummies at the science center. During the holidays, they attended a music presentation at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, took a bus tour of light

Carol Bailey Miller ’50 attended a Virginia Horse Shows Association meeting and gave a speech praising Nautical, the inspiration for Disney’s *The Horse With the Flying Tail*.

1950

Dorothy Held Gawley
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By now, those of you in the northeast have surely thawed out. Others who had weather problems are hopefully back to normal. It was good to receive holiday greetings, but I keep getting less and less news, unfortunately.

Gerry Boswell Griffin of North Carolina visited former neighbors in Atlanta in July, attending a luncheon with church friends and visiting her former church. She drove with daughter Judy of Phoenix to Jekyll Island, seeing friends and doing touristy things.

Carol Bailey Miller attended a December Virginia Horse Shows Association (VHSA) meeting at the Homestead in Bath County, where nominees were inducted to the VHSA Hall of Fame. Carol made the induction speech for Nautical, the palomino that was the inspiration for Disney's *The Horse With the Flying Tail*

Frances Giannotti Scalzo '53 attended a dinner for UMW students working on a Habitat for Humanity house in Wilmington. **Kay Martin Britto '58, Bonnie Hatch Bowman '58, Lauren Grant '15, and Amanda Bletsh '14** attended.

and was on the U.S. equestrian show jumping team that went to Europe and had lots of wins in the '50s and '60s. A VHSA historian emeritus, Carol received the Virginia Horse Council's distinguished service award.

Jane Frazier Snead's remaining parcel of her Fredericksburg farm, Braehead, is 20-plus acres, with the buildings that are the "heart of the farm" and her residence. Originally a dairy farm, it has been in the Snead family since 1937. They had offered horse riding classes, day camp, and boarding since Jane's husband, Emmett, died in 2002, but it became too much responsibility. Now Jane's son George and wife Roxanne lease the property and run an agritourism business,

with pick-your-own strawberries and a produce market. They restarted the school tours and educational programs Jane and Emmett did for 30 years. Jane enjoys watching her 8-year-old twin grandsons grow up in a wonderful environment. She showed paintings and photography at Fredericksburg's Art First Gallery in October.

Nan Riley Pointer and Joe traveled to Alaska with family members and others. They'd been before but saw new territory, despite Joe's bout with prostate cancer. After radiation, he was doing well. Sons Glenn and Owen and their families live nearby and help with the farm. Glenn had been driving grain trucks; Owen's son, Christopher, planted soybeans and wheat. He's in his second year of community college, wants to attend Virginia Tech, and was considering something in agriculture. Nan is district and conference parliamentarian for United Methodist Women and historian for the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, updating

files and fixing new museum displays. She received the annual Founders Award at their branch convention.

A call from Puerto Rico in February informed me that **Alicia de Rivera-Cruz** passed away. She'd had health problems. **Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni** said Alicia introduced her to Luis, her husband of 62 years, and was godmother to her son, Luis Angel. Carmen hadn't seen Alicia recently, as she no longer drives and husband Luis is not in good health.

Virginia Hardy Vance of College Park, Md., was considering moving to Tallahassee, Fla., in spring. **Betty Gavett Breeden** of San Diego was recuperating from

a November fall with no broken bones but lots of bruises. At the advice of family, she was using a cane. Betty still sings, mends books in the library, and is chair of her church trustees.

Sadly, **Kay Venezia Boffa** passed away. We remember her as active on campus, as a senior-year member of May Court, and from reunions. Kay moved to Vermont in 1985 to be near grandchildren. She earned a master's degree in developmental psychology from Columbia University and retired at 70 from teaching college psychology in New Jersey and Vermont. She leaves sons John in Washington, D.C.; Peter in New York; Paul in Worcester, Vt.; and Christopher in Charlotte, Vt.

Billie Mitchell Hanes was enjoying her new home in Virginia Beach. She and Dick lost son Bob in January 2013 due to heart-related problems. Billie was hospitalized for 10 days for pneumonia, and her eyesight has failed, but she was positive and upbeat.

Marcy Weatherly Morris and **Juney Morris'** grandson Paul is engaged, granddaughter Erin gave birth to Oliver before Christmas, and all the grands and great-grands were doing well in school and with extracurricular activities. Wasn't that a great article about Marcy and Juney in the fall/winter issue of this magazine?

Hope to hear from more of you soon.

1951

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Hello, everyone. I hope all is well. I'm still waiting for news. **Ruth DeMiller Hill**, who's lived in Angola, Ind., for 52 years, heard from five in our class and three from the Class of '52.

Winnie Horton Brock's daughter called to say that Winnie's husband, Ted, died in the fall. **Cynthia Medley England** sent her photo from Naples, Fla., where she has a lake view. She thinks she's through writing articles and goes to philharmonic

concerts with friend Kaydee. **Jackie Atwood Dewey** of Sarasota, Fla., and husband Dick's four children live all over the U.S. **Betsy Fletcher Adams** of North Carolina is near one of her daughters and travels to see the other three and her grandchildren. **Dot Culpepper Wingfield**, from freshman year, lives in Perry, Ga., with husband John. Ruth was in touch with one of their daughters, Janie Wingfield of Loveland, Colo.

Ruth heard from **Nancy Cass '52** of Chesterfield, Miss.; **Ginny Orkney Philbrick '52** of Bedford, Va., who has children all over the U.S.; and **Nancy Stump Motley '52** and Ken of Roanoke, Va.

Ruth expected the arrival of two great-grandsons, one in Wyoming, where she has two great-granddaughters, and one in Ohio. A grandson and granddaughter planned June and August weddings. Joni Hill, wife of Ruth's son, Toff, wrote the Christian romantic novel *Restoring the Castle*.

I see **Sarah Herring Estes**, who is in an assisted living program, every Sunday. I hope to receive more news from some of you. Take care of yourselves.

1952

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1953

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News from class members came less regularly and abundantly than the snow!

Elaine Strawser Cherry said close friend **Barbara "Pritch"**

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Pritchard Jones had a massive heart attack before Christmas and passed away. Pritch lived in Northern Virginia for 40 years before moving to South Carolina. She was first and foremost a wife and mother, and she was well known and loved in her community and in college.

Her children came from California and Chicago for her memorial service at Murrells Inlet. Elaine also came with her son from Vienna, Va.

Barbara's husband, Edwin Jones, passed away in March. She is survived by daughter **Karen Jones Bourgeois '78**, son Bruce Jones, and four grandchildren.

Barbara White Ramer lives in Roswell, Ga., with daughter Robin, her husband, Todd Thiele, and two teenage grandsons. Barbara is an educational specialist and secretary of the board of directors at Porter Academy, a school for those with learning disabilities.

Frances Giannotti Scalzo attended a dinner for UMW students working on a Habitat for Humanity house in Wilmington, N.C. **Kay Martin Britto '58**, **Bonnie Hatch Bowman '58**, **Lauren Grant '15**, and **Amanda Bletsh '14** attended.

I'm in touch with **Sara Mott Gabler Belvin**, who lives in Holly Springs, N.C., with her daughter. I bake cakes for a hospital ACS fundraiser, teach

1969. I still remembered some Portuguese after 45 years! See my Main Street Studios website for gifts, and call me if you need a timeshare rental anywhere in the U.S.

I hope you had a lovely, long-awaited spring! Let me hear from you ... you are all a special part of the Class of '53!

1954

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1955

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Hit the jackpot with news! Thank you for sending many emails. I want to send a disclaimer to keep in mind while reading this. Anything confusing was caused by hydrocodone "happy" pills from my hip surgery. I'm slowly recovering and pretty mobile but still in much pain caused by bursitis ... can't drink wine yet, rats.

Dotty Booth Sanders had a Thanksgiving family gathering. Dotty's sister visited last year, and they went to a cousin's wedding in Georgia. Dotty still sends cards and letters to people during difficult times and bakes breads for family and friends. Her adopted dachshund and constant shadow, Dede, rides in the car with her. They had a cold, snowy winter in the Ohio Valley and northern Kentucky.

Carol Cooper feels unorganized. She likes to travel because, once she reaches her destination, someone else does all the

work. She spent September in China and Mongolia, staying in nomads' tents and a fancy hotel in Ulan Bator, riding a Bactrian camel in the Gobi Desert to look for artifacts in the Flaming Cliffs, and heading south in China near the Himalayas. Carol was thinking of visiting eastern Turkey and the Silk Road. She attended the Itzhak Perlman concert at UMW's Dodd Auditorium in March.

Polly Stoddard Heim saw Christmas lights with grandson Garrett and his mother. In January, she and Ken visited 1-month-old grandson Zachary and his mother in Maple Valley, Wash., and went to the McCall Winter Carnival. Oldest grandson Ben was married in Chapel Hill, N.C., last year, and the Heims visited family in New York and Virginia. Polly celebrated her 80th birthday in January with family in Maple Valley.

Anne Lou Rohrbach Culwell had been downsizing, wondering what to do with their antiques and silver. She traveled to Little Rock, Bentonville, and Eureka Springs; took a Wisconsin Dells boat tour; and visited Circus World, Lincoln Library, and the home of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

Charlotte Fisher Klapproth said the weather had been so dismal that when the sun came out she needed sunglasses for inside. She talked to **Coralyn White McGeehan**, who lives in a Northern Virginia retirement community and was doing well. **Sally Hanger Moravitz** and Fran saw the relocated Barnes art museum last year in Philadelphia and the *Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes* exhibit at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Mary Margaret Papstein Carter visited Williamsburg with her husband in September. On the way home, they stopped at MWC for lunch and found College Avenue detoured. Our old classroom building and first home of the C-Shoppe, Chandler Hall, was a pile of rubble, and a new building was going up in its place. They headed to the bookstore and learned that the swimming pool we knew is now a café. Mary Margaret said the campus was beautiful as ever. She'd been moving with care since she fell last year on black ice and shattered her wrist. Surgery, a cast, and physical therapy sidelined her until the end of June. She spent January in Scottsdale, Ariz., where her oldest grandson was married, and planned to attend a nephew's wedding in Seattle in July.

Joan Kleinknecht reads to a second-grade class in Bridgeport, Conn. She taught kindergarten and second and third grades for 28 years to about 800 children, some of whom still write, email, or call. Joan is in a genealogy and a Gaelic-American club, still paints, and planned a garden. **Patricia Seibert Siegel** finally sold the Torrance, Calif., house and was renting in Oceanside.

Mary Elizabeth Davis Barnes (aka Betty Davis, a member of the Class of '55 who graduated in '54) retired and volunteers for a mentoring program at the school where she taught for 25 years. She still does fiber work, weaves, spins, and knits. During the bad winter weather, she made hats for needy children and was amazed how many people stopped to offer to help her shovel snow. She thinks her long white hair clued them in.

Patricia Seitz Hartel is in real estate, sings in church choirs, and was preparing for a big concert with an orchestra. **Virginia Marco Hancock** is involved with boards and committees for the arts, trees, historic preservation, and public schools. Mike plays clarinet in church and in a college community concert band. Ginny sings in a church choir and sometimes leads songs during services.

OK, I'm done. Cheers!

1956

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Betty Davies Morie and Paul have four grandchildren, from nursery to medical school. Last year Betty ran into **Angela Walton Barksdale** at a Colonial Dames meeting in Williamsburg. Angela's sister, **Margaret "Peggy" Walton Mason '49**, retired from teaching second grade and lives in Houston with her husband, a retired chemical engineer.

Frieda Headley Byrd of Georgia planned a trip to Israel in November to tour the Holy Land with Old Testament scholars. **Ann Tillett Leonard** of Fredericksburg attends

Carol Cooper '55 visited China and Mongolia and rode a Bactrian camel in the Gobi Desert to look for artifacts in the Flaming Cliffs.

Sunday school to seniors, and lead our Sojourners with "happy times." Lenny, in his 60th year of tax season, still works full time. We planned to celebrate our 61st wedding anniversary in August with three children and two teenage granddaughters. We attended a recent memorial service in South Carolina for a friend, a 53-year missionary to Brazil, with whom we served in

Mary Montague “Monti” Hudson Sikes ’57 displayed her *Animal Alphabet* work at Williamsburg’s Prince George Gallery in November.

many university events and plays. Husband Charles died in November.

I was invited to Boca Raton, Fla., in January and Sarasota in February. I planned to return to the farm in April after spending most of winter in my Warrenton apartment.

That’s all for now. I hope you’ll write to me for the next issue!

1957

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After 30 years in the Chicago area, **Barbara Morton Williamson** lives in a Chapel Hill, N.C., retirement community. She sees daughter Amy and granddaughter Penelope of Charlotte often. Barbara went to Chicago in 1980 to study with Matthew Fox at Mundelein College, then did clerical work at Loyola, taking linguistics classes at night. She earned a master’s degree in linguistics, was a bilingual (English and Spanish) teacher in Chicago public schools, retired in 2000, and taught ESL in Chicago and Evanston. She’s in touch with **Jean Durham Busboso**.

Mary Montague “Monti” Hudson Sikes loves baseball and the St. Louis Cardinals. She and husband Olen spent two weeks attending spring training games in Jupiter, Fla., and visiting practice fields at Roger Dean Stadium. Much of the couple’s travels last year to Boone, N.C.; San Diego; Glacier National Park; Sedona, Ariz.; and Hilton Head, S.C., were in connection with Monti’s art. She presented programs about her writing for civic organizations and book clubs, and about her Master’s Meditation mixed water media paintings and poems in San Diego and Sedona, and conducted workshops in experimental mixed water media and pastels

in Williamsburg and Gloucester, Va., and in Hilton Head. Her new novel, *Daffodils in the Morning*, was to be published this year. She has a gallery in Richmond’s Crossroads Art Center and displayed her *Animal Alphabet* work at Williamsburg’s Prince George Gallery in November.

Nancy Hallett Guest received many feet of snow in Vail! She has granddaughters Ava and Kate. Nancy planned to return home in spring and have a hip replacement to go with her knee replacements. **Elizabeth “Libby” Fordham** planned a trip to Indianapolis for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International convention for key women in education.

Joyce Bristow Wrestler has been in her home more than 30 years. The thought of sorting through treasures – old dolls to restore, puppet-show scripts she wrote when she worked with church youths, knitting yarns – blows her away. She’d been busy singing. After her choir finished its Christmas program, they launched into preparation for the church’s 50th anniversary concert in February. Joyce keeps her grandchildren, ages 3 and 4, several days a week and tries to fill their visits with learning, building with Lincoln Logs, and singing.

My sister, **Jacqueline Callahan ’56**, fell on the ice while walking her beagle, Annie, and broke her ankle badly. She and Annie arrived at our house with Jacqueline in a full cast and wheelchair. We had the perfect house ... 100 percent handicapped-accessible, even an elevator, because of my sweet-heart Mahlon’s traumatic brain injury 16 years ago. Jacqueline’s ankle didn’t heal properly, so they operated and put screws in it, and she was back to her busy lifestyle. It was nice having her with us for our final Christmas in our home

after 40 years. All the while, I was planning the move and overseeing renovations. We went from 4,000 to 980 square feet, and I had lots to sort through. Recently, Mahlon lost his balance and fell on top of me. I ended up with a miserable back injury and a concussion.

I’ve been class agent for almost 10 years. Though I enjoy it, my life is becoming more complicated because of Mahlon’s needs. Brain injury does not improve with the aging process. I’m asking for one of you to volunteer for this job. Thank you for considering it! I appreciate your answering my request for news. I know I can always count on you! God bless.

1958

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When I wrote this, it had snowed three weekends out of the past five. Another snow in late March left ice on the roads. The winter weather was stressful for the entire country.

Mary Kay Martin Britto and **Bonnie Hatch Dowden** attended a Wilmington, N.C., alumni dinner with a group of Mary Washington students there for a spring break service project. Mary said **Nancy Gay Dillaman** died in February at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Nancy taught elementary school in Northern Virginia and Maryland for 30 years. A nine-year resident of Wilmington, she followed her faith and her interest in the arts and traveling. Nancy is survived by brother Richard, his wife, and a niece and nephew and their children.

Sherrill Massie Judd settled with her husband and daughter at their Edinburg, Va., farm and planned to sell their house in Richmond.

We’re all busy; time passes quickly. Please take a minute to call, email, or send a postcard. Thank you.

1959

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Lois Gaylord “Gay” Allen is active with her local humane society. She and Howard welcomed a great-grandson in July. **Marcia Phipps Ireland** said all was well. **Jane Tucker Broadbooks** planned to attend the 55th.

Gloria Winslow Borden had a total right ankle fusion in September due to painful arthritis and was in rehab for two months. Friends and family were supportive. By now, Gloria should have gotten rid of her boot and walker, and be driving. She visited son Cliff’s family in spring and joined them for a Disneyland trip. Cliff left private schools to teach in public schools, and he and Lynda bought a house. Daughter Ashely is in college in Arizona. They visited daughter Beth’s family in their beach house. Husband Dan was job hunting. Daughter Michele works in New York. Amy and Kristen are in college in Texas. Gloria spent Christmas with daughter Caroline’s family in San Antonio. She and Mike, daughter Cynthia, and son-in-law Rob continue to teach, administer, train, and coach.

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle’s granddaughter, Cynthia, Tiffany’s daughter, came home after earning a master’s degree in a nine-month accelerated program at Oxford. Tom Jr. has children Emma, 15, and Owen, 12. Aud keeps busy with swimming pool pals. **Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn**’s grandson, Mason, is 13, in seventh grade, and 5 feet, 7½ inches tall. He grins when he stands beside her and looks down! The family dachshund is positive he is king.

Celeste Shipman Kaufman’s family spent New Year’s in Nassau. Alan recovered well from quadruple bypass surgery. He retired and had a party after 15 years coaching golf at the University of Alabama. In summer, they attended the U.S. Open in Pennsylvania, visited friends in Boston, went to a Red Sox game at Fenway Park, and traveled to Maine. In September,

Making Waves

Sherry Farrington Green '60 was strolling along a beach in Thailand in December 2004 when she turned to chat with someone over her shoulder. That's when she saw the tsunami.

"It's not a wave. It's a wall of water. You don't even hear it. We started to run and I said, 'We have to get up a tree,'" recalled Green, who was "hanging on like a monkey" about 25 feet in the air when that wall of water hit the

shore. "I never thought I could shinny up a tree, but it's amazing what you can do when you have to."

The tsunami claimed the lives of more than 230,000 people and injured another 125,000. Green was supposed to fly home the next day, but despite her close call – the water surged up to her chest while she clung to that tree – she was in no hurry to leave town.

Instead, she packed her suitcase and made for the nearest hospital, where she volunteered for four days.

"It was the most amazing and powerful experience of my life," said Green, who'd always wanted to be a physician. Discouraged by high school counselors who told her girls couldn't be doctors, Green majored in French at Mary Washington. She lived in the French House during her senior year, where she admits that she and roommate **Suzie Hawkins '61** spent more time laughing than speaking Français.

Green earned a master's degree in education and another in teaching special education before getting a doctorate in education from Columbia. She primarily taught blind students in public schools and at Lighthouse International in New York, where she and husband Alan raised four children. The entire family was enjoying a camping trip in the Virgin Islands at Christmastime in 1989 when Alan died suddenly of a heart ailment.

"That changed the trajectory of my life," Green said.

She taught for a few more years, then was accepted into two year-long art programs through Sotheby's in New York and Christie's in London. She spent the next two years studying American and European art, then stayed an extra six months in Europe to help Christie's set up a similar program in Paris.

Back in the United States, Green visited her brother in Portland, Ore., and decided to make the town her home. She worked for the Oregon Historical Society for a few years before pursuing her love of medicine at Seattle Midwifery School. She became a doula, offering free support to women before and during childbirth.

"It's just an amazing, humbling, exhausting, beautiful thing to do," said Green, who has traveled to Africa three times to volunteer her skills. She delivered a baby in a slum in Nairobi, Kenya, last year, she said, "because I was the only one around."

On her 60th birthday, Green climbed Mount Kilimanjaro. Recently, at age 75, she helped the women's saber team earn a gold medal at the World Veterans Fencing Championships in Bulgaria. A few items remain on her bucket list: She'd like to become so fluent in French that she dreams in the language. And, though she holds a pilot's license, she'd like to take off and land – *as a passenger*, she specified – on an aircraft carrier. Her husband's early death taught the grandmother of nine not to wait to pursue her dreams.

Green said, "The saddest words in the English language are, 'If only ...' "

– Edie Gross



Last year, Sherry Farrington Green visited a Masai village in Kenya and was blessed by the local midwife in a traditional mud-and-cow-dung hut. The ritual involved chanting of prayers, being sprinkled with herbed water, and drinking milk from a freshly milked cow.

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they visited Beijing and Tokyo, and came in third after joining the golf team in Japan. Alan's teams rank ninth in the U.S. One grandchild has a master's degree, two are seniors and one is a sophomore in college, and one is a high school sophomore.

Joan Whittemore Look had a knee replacement in January 2013. In March, she and Jim cruised to Australia and New Zealand. Joan was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and, though the trip was beautiful, she didn't feel well. On her return, Jim rushed her to the ER. She had emergency surgery, followed by more surgery in July, and was feeling better. They visited family and friends in Wisconsin, and Joan hoped to spend two weeks in Mexico with daughter Mardy. Oldest grandchild Logan, the son of Jim's daughter, Sarah, is 15 and 6 feet, 3 inches.

Julia Coates Littlefield planned to attend our 55th. She is in her church choir; is secretary of a committee reviewing applications for charitable grants; serves as diocese coordinator; and tutored in the public library's literacy program. Mo serves community charities and had his second term on the vestry at R.E. Lee Memorial. They visit their children, Julia's sister in Delaware, and Mo's family in Maine. Daughter Bess' son, Jack Edward, 20, is a junior at U.Va. Son Scott's son, Chris, 12, is a sixth-grade basketball enthusiast, and daughter Mary Graham, 15, is an aspiring ballerina.

Mary Massey and Jack Meiners celebrated their 25th anniversary, took a Chesapeake Bay trip, and hiked during the North Carolina Appalachian Trail Conservancy conference. Jack gardens, does yard work, walks the dog, and splits logs for the fireplace. Mary has hiked for 44 years, volunteered with the Audubon Naturalist Society for 21, and been with the Washington Animal Rescue League for three. They have eight grandchildren, ages 12 to 26.

Barbara Ann Barndt Miller and daughter Ann Marie presented a trophy to the best Pennsylvania-bred horse in May. In September,

Barbara and husband Wayne Suley attended a Pennsylvania pony show. Ann bought a town-house and gave Barbara a gray colt named Rafe Rabbit. Also in September, Barbara managed to throw herself off her truck bed while unloading cattle wire. The wire caught on her rings when she heaved it, and she went with it through the air. She had pelvic and rib fractures and needed months of recovery but no surgery. Wayne is an excellent nurse! They planned a Christmas trip to Pennsylvania.

Eleanor Markham Old's husband, Arthur, is involved with the Civil War Round Table, Sons of the American Revolution, and Mary Washington ElderStudy, and attends plays at Riverside Center Dinner Theater. He and Martha finished moving his treasures from Lancaster to Fredericksburg. Eleanor and Arthur's son, Jim, is operations manager with Conely & Associates, president of the U.S. lacrosse team's Hampton Roads chapter, and coach of Old Dominion University's men's club lacrosse team. Daughter-in-law Beth is a chronic disease nurse case manager with Amerigroup. Their son, Parker, is in IT customer support for a small online video-gaming company in Norfolk. Son Tyler graduated with honors from high school, is a freshman

Sally Warwick Rayburn '59 and Jim rode their RV from the headwaters of the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico with the Great River Road Caravan.

at Savannah College of Art and Design, and was thinking of specializing in visual effects with a degree in video gaming. They welcomed a standard schnauzer pup, Shiloh, to the family.

Sharon Henry Schafer met with **Margie Crisman Kostel**, **Sharon Green Hope**, and **May Phillips Slago** in L.A. at Thanksgiving. Margie visited daughter Kathryn, son-in-law Jay Litton, granddaughter Cary, and grandson Jonathan out West. Sharon Hope's daughter,

TV producer Kathy Rhodes, hosted a dinner party for them all, including Sharon's son, Rick Rhodes, and wife Liza. The two Sharons went to the Beverly Hills Hotel cocktail lounge, where they saw movie stars, including Clint Eastwood!

Sally Warwick Rayburn and Jim meet lots of people traveling in their RV. They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in February, spent two weeks at a Hawaii timeshare in April, and saw son Steve's wife, Cindy, receive a master's degree in Winston-Salem, N.C., in May.

In June, Sally and Cindy visited Richmond, delving into Warwick genealogy. Daughter Ginnie teaches autistic children. Ginnie's daughter, Sarah Kate, was in a national dance competition in July; her group placed nationally. Sally and Jim's son, Dick, is an internationally ranked martial arts black belt. In August, the Rayburns joined the Great River Road Caravan from the headwaters of the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico. They stopped in Pensacola to see Ginnie's son, Andrew, at the University of West Florida. **Barbara Lewis Leddick** and Ken of Atlanta, married 25 years, have two daughters.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers took her annual ski trip to Lake Tahoe in February and cruised from Florida to Montreal in

May, stopping in Canada locales they hadn't yet toured, cruising to the Saguenay Fjord, and revisiting Quebec and Montreal. Then they drove through New England. They flew to Hamburg in July, cruised through the Norwegian fjords, and celebrated their 44th anniversary. They flew to Cologne for another Rhine River cruise, saw the Cologne Cathedral, and spent Thanksgiving in Connecticut. Irene still plays tennis. Sadly, she reports that **Nancy Montrastelle Curnutt** died in December.

Natalee, daughter of **Ann Watkins Steves** and Bob's son, Bruce, graduated from the University of South Florida and married Josh. Son David's daughter, Brittany, had son Jaxon. Ann and daughter Linda took a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. All grandkids and great-grandkids were healthy and happy. **Priscilla Brown Wardlaw's** son, Chris,

Charlotte "Charlie" Wohlneck Wiggs '59 and Arch toured Canada and the Panama Canal, and they volunteer with Meals on Wheels.

came home for the holidays, and "Pete" planned to visit Rob and family later in the year.

Charlotte "Charlie" Wohlneck Wiggs enjoys friends and church activities. She and Arch toured Canada and the Panama Canal, and volunteer with Meals on Wheels. Daughter Tracy and husband Andy of Mason, Ohio, have daughters Molly, at MIT, and Anna, an A+ eighth-grader. Since retiring, Tracy spends much time with church and charity organizations. Andy is busy controlling the stock market. Charlie and Arch's son, Alan, and wife Dale of Raleigh, N.C., are bike riders and endurance runners. Alan received an award for his work as chairman of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission and competed in an international biathlon event in London. Dale completed a parks development-related master's degree from North Carolina State University.

Pat Gray Proulx and husband Dan's daughter, Pam, and Max live nearby. Justin, 19, a

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sophomore at Virginia Tech's College of Architecture and Urban Studies, helps cut grass and is a professional photographer. Meghan Ashley, 16, is in 11th grade. The family has two King Charles spaniels. Son Gray and wife Gina of Palmyra have son John, 7, a black and a yellow Lab, and three cats. The family cruised from Fort Lauderdale to Cozumel and Belize for Christmas 2012. Pam hosted Christmas brunch last year. Dan made his annual trip to Maine in August, visited family in Vermont, and took an October bus trip to New England. He belongs to the singles group Solo Seniors.

Ann Brooks Coutsubinas lost her husband, Speros, to an aortic aneurism. Daughter Anastasia was relocating, perhaps with Brooksie, and looking for a new

gold medal in women's sabre at the World Veterans Fencing Championships in Varna, Bulgaria. Though it was her last world competition, she plans to keep fencing competitively as soon as she recovers from her second hip replacement. (Jody, Karen, and **Bonnie Davis Hall** were on the Mary Washington fencing team and are in awe of Sherry's accomplishment.)

Pat Vought Grine's family flew her to Atlanta in January for her 75th! **Patty Morgan Connolly** of Connecticut had a big 75th party, including a visit from her daughter from San Diego. **Mona Allen Spilo** of Connecticut said, "You can't hide your age from classmates. Hair color, makeup, Spandex, and a youthful attitude can't disguise the numbers!" **Betty Ditmars Prosser** of New

Sue Smith Goodrick '60 had a North Carolina beach trip with her children and grandchildren last summer, spent Christmas in Missouri with friend Jim and his family, and visited her son's family in Naperville, Ill.

job. Son Gregory finished his tours of Afghanistan but feels some effects of a brain injury sustained there. Brooksie's dad is 96 and still in Fredericksburg.

Edna Gooch Trudeau's daughter, Virginia, and son-in-law, Matt, still live in Virginia Beach. Grandson Lucas is thriving in preschool. He earned a gold belt in tae kwon do, enjoys dance and soccer, and was ecstatic about his upcoming fifth birthday, which was to feature a Lego theme.

1960

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The tagline in a recent note from **Sherry Farrington Green** read "Old Broads Kick Butt." She's climbed Mount Everest, been a doula here and in Africa, and earned a Ph.D. She won a

York broke her foot and, while grounded, organized the house. Husband David was a patient chauffeur. **Iris Hall Newton** lost her brother on Christmas Day. They lived in the same retirement residence. Her sister-in-law also passed away on Christmas Day, and her son-in-law passed away in February after a long illness.

Sue Smith Goodrick had a North Carolina beachside holiday with her children and grandchildren last summer, spent Christmas in Missouri with friend Jim and his extended family, and visited her son's family in Naperville, Ill. Sue attended a Wilmington, N.C., UMW alumni function and saw many alumni from the eastern North Carolina area.

Karen Larsen Nelson had a Christmas visit with her daughter and family (10 in all, including 3-year-old twins). Including babies expected by two of their granddaughters in August, they

Eleanor Knight Jensen '61 visited Australia and cruised for 134 days from Fort Lauderdale to Venice via the Panama Canal, South Pacific, and Suez Canal.

have six great-grandchildren. Older sister Cassie, who had a kidney transplant in January at the Phoenix Mayo Clinic, was home and doing great. In March, their son visited from Florida, then visited his Marine Corps son, who's in electronics school in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Jody Campbell Close spent Christmas with her brother and his extended family. Her daughter gave her a leather-bound "annual" documenting family adventures throughout the year and inspired by her husband's award-winning photography. Jody is still involved with the broader Florida community through her genealogy group outreach and with the annual Scout workshop. She edits a newsletter for genealogists, is a historical society membership chair, and is our co-class agent. She planned to attend spring Florida and Virginia genealogy conventions. She had gallbladder surgery in March.

Bonnie Davis Hall and Ross volunteered at Revels Singers performances and had a performance at the Harvard Square subway station in December, taped for Boston TV. She and Ross sang in a January community concert. In November, they visited Bonnie's cousin in Chicago. Bonnie planned two knee replacements this year.

We look forward to reports from you. It lets us know we're not writing to ourselves.

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Please send news to the designated class agent according to the first

letter of your maiden name.

From **Connie**: Sadly, **Cay Whichard Lewis** died in her sleep, and **Sara Prosterman Brown** died of pancreatic cancer in January. Our sympathies go to their families and friends.

Clara Sue Durden Ashley and Clarence took the Auto Train to Sanford, Fla., from Lorton, Va., visiting friends and family on the way home. Son Dennis' family lives in St. Augustine, where they wanted to get to know 2-year-old Payton, the youngest of four boys, who is autistic. He brings joy and challenges, but is full of love and musically inclined, like his father. In October, they traveled to the Great Smoky Mountains, had car trouble, and received roadside help from strangers. They realized they were "down South where people still ... help others."

Dee Doran Cairns and Doug's last overseas trip started in July in Switzerland, where they celebrated a family wedding attended by **Patty Cairns Hourin** and Jim. Dee and Doug's son, Rob, and family have lived in Bella Napoli, overlooking the Mediterranean, Capri, and Mount Vesuvius, for 10 years. They parasailed there, then traveled together to their home. Grandson Nathan is a high school junior trying to decide on a U.S. college. Katye is in ninth grade. They planned to see them all this summer. Their daughter, Cathy, a cardiovascular nurse, is nearby in Montgomery. They hoped to visit oldest grandson Chris in San Francisco in fall. Patty and Jim's son, Scott, on active duty with Marine Forces Europe, and his family moved from Hawaii to Stuttgart, Germany. Their other two sons and families live in Mississippi. Patty golfs, plays tennis, and is a junior warden at church.

Jean Ryan Farrell and Frank had a family reunion at their Lake Lanier, Ga., house in July 2013. There were 17 in their Christmas

card photo, including their three married sons and several grandchildren. **Carolyn Crum Pannu** visited Renee in L.A. before and after her December cruise to Mexico. **Pat Scott Peck** planned to visit San Fran in March. She and Carolyn planned to meet Renee in Santa Barbara.

Jerri Barden Perkins visited Marseille, Paris, London, Italy, and NYC. About her January trip to India, she said, "Words are inadequate to describe the poverty, pollution, lack of infrastructure, and sanitation." Jerri guest spoke on clinical trials for medical research at universities. She teaches alignment-based yoga and incorporated their philosophy on yoga for health into her practice.

Joan Gibson Lippold and Jim were in good health and spirits. Despite Joan's knee replacement, they vacationed twice in Florida and planned a river cruise – their ninth – through Europe in May. Their youngest daughter and her family are building a house next to them on a cliff overlooking the Chesapeake Bay.

A Kind of Dream is **Kelly Cherry's** new collection of interlinked stories. She and Burke planned to attend the Associated Writers conference in Seattle. Kelly lost her "sweet and funny and feisty" younger sister, a flutist, in November. Our sympathies to you, Kelly.

At Christmastime, **Eleanor Knight Jensen** cruised from Fort Lauderdale to Venice via the Panama Canal, South Pacific, and Suez Canal for 134 days, and visited Australia. **Sarah Leigh Kinberg** and Tom saw family and friends, including granddaughter Laura, who's in the Navy on the USS Roosevelt destroyer out of Mayport, Fla. Sarah was sick in July. Tests at Stanford showed a mass on her kidney, but experts were stumped. With the insight of her sister, Margaret, a pediatric pulmonologist, an E. coli abscess was diagnosed and Sarah started long-term antibiotics in December. Niece Sarah, 11, sent encouragement: "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the

rain." As **Lynn McCarthy** said, "The challenges we face only make us wiser and cause us to shift our priorities."

Ellen Gotwalt Willing and Bill spent another winter in Naples, Fla., despite Bill falling on his back in July. He had a scalp laceration and deep hematoma, and injured his body. Their daughters and their church's Stephen Ministry helped. **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** and Art traveled to Croatia and Slovenia in September, had their ski trip in December in Vail, and spent part of January in Sun Valley. They planned to visit Art's cousins in Florida's Fort Myers area. They have 13-year-old Maltese Fred and a Cavalier King Charles spaniel.

Judy LaRoe Hare '61 was considering attending Wimbledon. She needs only the Australian Open to complete the Grand Slam.

Janie Riles and hubby Jim Dietz went to Mazatlan in March as guests of her brother, Tom, for a Riles family reunion, so they left Florida early and returned to their primary home in San Diego. Janie looked forward to meeting one nephew's children and the other nephew's fiancée. She paints outside on the Intracoastal Waterway with friends.

I (Connie) am recovering, albeit slowly, from my mild stroke, seizure, and femoral hernia surgery through physical therapy and walking. We haven't traveled except to Duke for clinical checkups after the lung transplant, but lots of friends have visited us in Wilmington, N.C. We'd love to see any of you!

From Renee: Donna Henninger Henderson's son, Jeff, runs their Troutville, Va., farm. His daughter, Ashley, was to graduate from high school. Donna is retired and plays bridge.

Debbie Phinney Wylie of Connecticut visited her daughter and son-in-law and their four children in Georgia, and her

two sons and their families in St. Louis in October. Debbie plays tennis and bridge, and is involved with the library and local community pantry.

Judy LaRoe Hare moved to Georgia in 1969. She plays tennis and visits her three children in Louisville, Phoenix, and Portland. She planned to visit Seacrest, Fla., for their annual family vacation. She was considering attending Wimbledon and needs only the Australian Open to complete the Grand Slam. Judy's in touch with **Mouse Messier Whitmore**, **Bobbie Brooks Nation**, **Jan Murphy Reifler**, and **MJ Giles Stearns**.

Nancy "Pepper" Jacobs Germer has sung in the church choir

since childhood. She and Hank took a winter Caribbean cruise. Last year in New Zealand, Hank grabbed a suitcase off the belt, initiating a rotator cuff tear, then finished it off when he slipped during an ice storm. After surgery and therapy, he was doing great. Pepper collects mink stoles, gloves, and tea party accouterment and, in retirement, gives tea parties in their vintage home. Pepper is a greeter, receptionist, and phone girl at a jewelry store.

Bette Marchant George has lived in McLean, Va., for 33 years. She and Vern have a blended family, with three children each and 13 grandchildren. Bette was well, despite having had MS for 15 years. She still drives, gets around with a cane, and does leadership and life coaching. She has a master's degree and works with clients from around the country and

students from Georgetown University's leadership coaching program. Bette was sorry to have missed our 50th, and we missed her! We heard about her from roomie **Sue Wilson Sproul** and others.

I (Renee) love being retired. I take classes at UCLA for fun. For astronomy, we get to go to Mount Wilson and Griffith observatories. I'm also taking a class in metacinema about movies within movies. I saw *Sunset Boulevard* and met playwright Terrence McNally at an event honoring him and "George" from *Seinfeld* and others at the after party.

I hope you are well. Emails have kicked back to me, so if you haven't heard from me lately, please send your new address. We'd love to hear from you.

From Lynne: Thanks for all your input! We're the best class ever. Sandy and I took a January Panama Canal cruise with President and Mrs. Hurley and others from UMW. Since selling our place in Florida, we enjoy life in New York and Connecticut. I'm trying to improve my bridge game by taking classes and playing duplicate, and have 12 masterpoints.

Marilyn Messier Whitmore of Simi Valley, Calif., lost husband of 51 years Bill in September to lymphoma. They have three daughters, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They were childhood sweethearts in West Orange, N.J., and had lived in California since Bill was transferred to a Burbank aerospace company in 1968. Marilyn has been a Ronald Reagan Presidential Library docent for 10 years.

Marcia Minton Keech's husband, Bill, had his bladder removed in August 2013 and was in and out of hospitals. He seems to have beaten the odds after six years fighting cancer. They

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spent an afternoon with Stuart and **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** and the Wetzels last fall while vacationing at Hilton Head, S.C. Stuart and Larry are Bill's brother rats from VMI.

Lynne Neave was "flattered and excited" to be elected to the UMW Foundation Board of Directors. Sylvia and Lloyd will enjoy having her on board. Sylvia and Stuart planned a May trip to Italy and to attend their son's June wedding at Keswick Hall, near Charlottesville. **Judy Youngman Wigton** planned to attend London's Chelsea Flower Show in May. **Carolyn Spell**

Adrienne Ames '62 of Nashville held a faculty position in Vanderbilt's nursing school in the clinical area and administration.

Robertson lives in north Florida. Oldest grandchild Katie is at FSU. Cameron is a high school senior.

After October surgery, **Marcy Trembath Pitkin** suffered infections requiring hospitalization and emergency surgery. Her children and their spouses were with her and took over Christmas meals and household management. After high doses of antibiotics, Marcy felt better than she had in years. She lost her appetite, is three sizes smaller, and has a new easy-to-maintain hairstyle.

Aggie Welsh Eyster is busy with her art in San Antonio and sees **Jill Cusack Clay** occasionally. Unfortunately, I'm not able to see them on my trip to Houston (for the rodeo) and New Orleans.

Sue Wilson Sproul and Dave of Colorado Springs spent five of the past six winters in Tucson, Ariz. Last year they traveled to Sue's ancestors' homeland. (They visited Dave's in Bavaria in 2012.) In October, they went to London, Sussex, and Jersey. Sue's Poindexter immigrant ancestors came to Virginia from Jersey in the 1600s, and they

toured with a group of U.S. descendants. Instead of spending Christmas with family, they visited Chimayo and Taos, N.M., watching the Taos Indian pueblo dances. They planned to travel to UNC for the May "hooding" of Dave's son, Chris, who earned a doctorate in toxicology, spend time in Virginia in June, and hang near home until September.

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(The following news from Joan Akers Rothgeb was inadvertently omitted from the fall/winter issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*. Sincere apologies to

Joan.)

Jane Brungart of Alexandria retired after 38 years with the government printing office. She's a volunteer English teacher, plays piano at church, and is on a retirement center vestry team. Jane's in touch with **Julia Shumaker Bailess**. **Mary Douglas Christian Townsend** of Fairfax, Va., and her husband were working on her New Kent County family place, built in the late 1700s. Her three children live in Vermont, New York, and Fairfax.

Elaine Clements Gardner of Chester, Va., a military wife working on genealogy dating to 1640, plans to write a story about her family. A granddaughter is a UMW historic preservation major. Elaine's two children live in Elizabeth City, N.C., and Albany, Ga. **Lynn Gourley Farrell** has lived in Virginia Beach for 40 years. Her husband has a home building company. **Mary Jane Howard Pattisal** took a river cruise in France with her husband when he retired as a judge in the Roanoke, Va., area. They have four children. One of their granddaughters was on an internship in Russia.

Patricia Darneille Tennyson of Arlington, Va., retired from the D.C. State Board of Education and sells real estate. Her husband, retired from the Air Force, has a computer business. **Adrienne Ames** of Nashville held a faculty position in Vanderbilt's nursing school in the clinical area and administration. A former family nurse practitioner, she is a senior nurse consultant for Vanderbilt's Executive Nursing Administration.

Retired speech pathologist **Nancy O'Neil Robinson** of California, on the East Coast last summer, visited **Ann Tench Huml** at Emerald Isle, N.C. **Jeanne Craig Gough** and **Joan Akers Rothgeb** met in Albuquerque last spring. Jeanne shared pictures from a winter dig near the Dead Sea. She reported the death of **Carolyn Dunaway '63**, who participated in Tall el-Hammam digs. *Biblical Archaeological Review* said of Carolyn, "With all the violence and madness in the world today, it is a shame to lose a representative of the best that mankind has to offer."

In August 2013, **Jane Walsh McCracken**, on her annual trip to Virginia to visit a relative, planned to meet **Emily Lewis** and **Joan Akers Rothgeb** for lunch. Jane's granddaughter was to play on the University of Maryland's nationally ranked lacrosse team. **Sue Grandy Farrar**, director of the Christiansburg, Va., historical museum, arranged for **Rosalie Alico Turner** to speak at the library there last spring. After promoting her last book, *March With Me*, on the East Coast, Rosalie returned to Angel Fire, N.M., with husband Frank for summer. The Turners met **Joan Akers Rothgeb** for lunch when they were in Virginia. **Gale Taylor Drew** and husband Louis have two children and visit Wintergreen.

From **Kathleen**: Greetings, ladies! As I wrote our news,

Janice Coleman '63 is donating her family's farm toward the Coleman Family Farm Scholarship at UMW and has included it in her will.

another snowstorm was coming and trees were falling here and at our Lewisetta family cottage.

Myrtle Lee Dean France of Montross, Va., retired from Dahlgren, keeps up with Northern Neck friends. She and Billy have two children and two grandchildren in King George. **Lillian Ann Dix Smith** and **Vanelia Oakley Gallagher**, who transferred to U.Va.'s nursing school junior year, live in Warsaw. **Garnette Lewis Doggette** of Yorktown, a retired teacher, told Myrtle that **Lorraine Huffman Firestone** died of cancer. Our sympathy goes to her family.

Suzy Booth Thurber of Alabama has two boys and seven grandchildren, and teaches continuing education classes. Her husband runs a business mentoring small companies. Suzy said **Emily Riker Seaver** lives in Colorado with her ski instructor husband, quilts, and has three children and one grandchild.

Bonnie Booker Kinzer lives in Southport, N.C., where my brother, JT Sprenkle, and his wife were moving. Husband Joe retired from the Army, and Bonnie volunteers using nursing skills earned at U.Va. They traveled to Israel with Joe and their Baptist minister, who's fluent in Hebrew and Greek. Bonnie said **Barrie Ruth Jones Tydings**, with the nursing group that transferred to U.Va., passed away. Our condolences go to Ron and their family.

Let us hear from you!

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The oldest of my eight grandchildren, Kelly Burcher, was to graduate from JMU on the president's list in May. She gave a piano recital and was student teaching at Waynesboro High School and traveling with them to perform in Puerto Rico. We've earned the right to brag, so catch me in Fredericksburg and share news.

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I think our 50th reunion awakened the desire to reconnect. I have news from several people we hadn't heard from in a while.

Kathy Friedman Levinson and husband Sandy winter in Florida, but she returns to Connecticut to meet clients. **Susan Rutan Joehnk** wants to stay in touch with everyone. Since reunion, **Lois Smith McDaniel**, **Kitty Hearne Shannon**, **Bev Sangston**, and **Diane Lovewell Melton** have lunched together. In July, **Betsy Loving Robbins** and husband George spent time in Florida with the McDaniels. Lois and Howie spent a day in the Villages with **Bev Sangston** and her sister. Betsy and Lois planned to meet again this summer.

Marna Harlow Mayo said **Carolyn Grantham** moved to Maidens, Va., after storms continually ravaged her waterfront home on the North River off Mobjack Bay. Marna and Carolyn majored in math and worked at NASA Langley Research Center.

Pat Garrison Lindholm and David attended a Lindholm family reunion in Cocoa Beach; took a Baltic cruise, visiting St. Petersburg, Helsinki, and Stockholm; and traveled to Williamsburg for a relative's 100th birthday, Albuquerque for the International Balloon Fiesta, and Homecoming Weekend at the University of the South (Sewanee).

Janice Coleman, partially responsible for executing **Wendy**

Shadwell's bequests to UMW's art history and English departments, goes to Fredericksburg for activities related to Wendy's endowment and to her own scholarship. She was donating her family's Campbell, Va., farm for Mary Washington to sell for a financial boost to the Coleman Family Farm Scholarship at UMW, and she has included the scholarship in her will for further funding. Janice plans to rent an apartment in Fredericksburg as a second home when she leaves NYC.

Karen Gustafson of Weston, Conn., lived and worked in Manhattan for 40 years. Karen studied art history at MWC and theater at George Washington University. She was an interior designer, then worked at Arena Stage in D.C., where she met her first husband. After having daughter Amy and moving to NYC, she became a pre-school Montessori teacher. She divorced, took Amy to Italy for a year, and studied Montessori teacher training. Karen made friends in Italy and has returned many times. She planned to be in Sicily in May and Bergamo, where she studied, in September. After eight years teaching and becoming a headmistress, she left to edit interior design and architecture magazines and write design books. Later she started a design public relations firm and worked 25 years for architects, interior designers, and furniture manufacturers. She retired two years ago but planned to do creative writing, possibly for children. Karen still studies Italian and visits Amy, her husband, and two grandchildren in nearby Greenwich. In 30 years together, Karen and her second husband, NYC lawyer Marty Munitz, have been to Nepal, Bhutan, India, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, China and Japan. They've traveled in Africa, Europe, Central America, and the Caribbean.

Karen's in touch with former suitemate **Carol Paige Phillips Spruill** of Midlothian, Va. Carol had two knee replacements, but she and Karen planned to meet and tour the Mary Washington campus.

Since **Sally Tarrant Bernert** couldn't attend the reunion,

roommate **Mary Saunders Latimer** and suitemates **Nancy Gibbs**, **Russell Hatcher Haggerty**, and **Beth Lisle Turner** visited her in Richmond. **Betsy Chamberlain Hartz** arrived as they were leaving and had a picture of the group from Sally's daughter's wedding. Mary and Sally's daughters roomed together in college, live in Richmond, and are still close – as their mothers have been for more than 50 years.

From Linkey: My freshman roomie, **Mary A. Settle Johnson** of Florida, cruised to Greece, Turkey, Ukraine, Romania, and Bulgaria. My sophomore roomie, **Jeanne Chabot Wallis**, enjoys grandchildren and winters in Florida.

David and I are busy as ever. I discovered that **Anne Howell Wood '70** lives across the Yellow Breeches Creek from me. We met during the spring garden tour and take the Strong Women Stay Young fitness class. I'm involved in AAUW, volunteer at the library, train dogs, and am in book groups. Thanks to all who sent news; please keep it coming.

Judy Ross Flora married U.Va. love Ben Flora, who earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry, taught at Old Dominion University for a year, then engaged in research and development with a research lab. They've lived in Burlington, N.C., since 1976. When the children were secure in school, Judy started a 32-year real estate career. She and Ben retired and have three grandchildren. Recently, they traveled with **Becky Ryan Dunkenberger** and husband Tom, and planned a March trip to St. John.

Ginger Logie Carr and Calvin spent March in Hilton Head, S.C., and visited **Eileen Hildebrand Andrews** and Ray, who have a Naples, Fla., golf-course condo. While there, they had dinner with **Carol Van Ness** and Dick Clapp. Ginger and

Carol lived together in Boston after college, and they all remain close. Carol didn't realize **Bev Sangston** played golf at Carol's club until Bev left for Marco Island. In Naples, they visited the botanical gardens and took a boat trip through the Everglades mangrove.

Susan Marshall Mayes and Bill married after graduation and had sons Rusty and Tommy. Tommy passed away in 2010. Rusty graduated from Duke, married a girl he met while getting his doctorate at U.Va., and has sons ages 12 and 14. Susan earned an MSW from VCU. She did foster care and in-home counseling, retiring in 2005 as a court service unit director at the City of Richmond's juvenile court. She later was a program

Arlene Drescher Wilson '63 graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design, produced fine and wearable art and church textiles for two decades, and now paints.

director and intensive counselor for in-home social service agencies. She and her husband travel, golf, and fly fish. Susan and MWC roommate **Barbara Yancey Williamson** remain friends.

Arlene Drescher Wilson graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design, spent 17 years in Providence, and moved to Nashville, Tenn., eight years ago. She produced fine and wearable art and church textiles for two decades and now paints. Arlene volunteers as a Centering Prayer facilitator for her church and rehabbed a historic thrift shop exterior, benefitting a community house for needy families. She planned to meet childhood friend **Betty Chilton Finkle** of Los Gatos, Calif., this summer at their beach house on the Rappahannock, as she's done periodically since grade school. Arlene's show at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith featured kimonos as art pieces she made after visiting Japan.



Pat Branstetter Revere is still in remission from ovarian cancer. She and Jim took the family on a river cruise in July through Germany, Austria, and Hungary. In November, they traveled to Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia, and cruised on the Mekong River. They looked forward to a rescheduled family trip in August to the Galapagos Islands and Ecuador. Pat was resuming community volunteer work and serving on the UMW Foundation Board.

A visit from a son-in-law and grandson kept **Amanda Whichard Cebrowski** from the 50th reunion. She and John, married 50 years in April, met when he was in OCS at Quantico. They've lived in New Hampshire nearly 10 years, after many moves in the East and Midwest. They have four daughters – in Lake Forest, Ill., Pittsburgh, and San Antonio – and 11 grandchildren. One daughter is with the Nashville Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and teaches in Woodbridge, Va. Amanda retired as a physician's office manager when they left Virginia in 2004. John is in his third term as a New Hampshire state representative. Amanda's sister, **Cay Whichard Lewis '61**, died suddenly in January. She will be greatly missed.

Diane Lovewell Melton majored in sociology but had to take typing and shorthand to enter the business world. She's been a meeting planner for 30 years. Diane plans fun times with **Lois Smith McDaniel**, **Kitty Hearne Shannon**, and **Bev Sangster**. **Kathy Levinson Friedman** is in much better health, and they hope to have their own spring reunion.

Betty Caudle Marshall and Tom ("Precious Tom") of Raleigh, N.C., renewed their vows for their 50th. Youngest son Robert, an Episcopal priest, officiated. Their other three children and eight grandchildren participated in the ceremony. Afterward, they visited the Maritime provinces of Canada. Betty is retired and involved with Delta Kappa Gamma, having served as state president. Tom retired early from Barton College, went to Union Theological (Presbyterian) Seminary in Richmond, then served a church in Sanford.

Kay Barret Bilisoly's sociology/psychology degree and art history courses served her well. She worked for the Fairfax, Va., juvenile court system, stayed home to care for their two children, then became a meeting planner for the Future Homemakers of America headquarters in Reston and an administrative assistant to the South Lakes High School principal. When husband of 50 years Win became self-employed and the kids left 23 years ago, they moved to Wilmington, N.C. There, Kay was administrative assistant to the Cape Fear Academy upper school principal. After retiring, she attended art classes locally and in the American Southwest and Italy. Her work, shown in local galleries, wins the occasional ribbon.

Kay kept in touch with MWC roommate **Jo Lynn Howell Savery** until she passed away last summer from COPD, complicated by an early Alzheimer's diagnosis. Kay has visited **Barbara Brown Sherrill** of San Diego, who left our class to become a nurse, and saw her at their high school reunion. Through Facebook, Kay connected with **Violet Olsen Gassman**, whose work has appeared in *The Artist's Magazine*.

Anne Rasmussen Lyles retired after 32 years teaching but still subs. She's on the Historic Salisbury Foundation board and, with her two sons and a friend, has restored nine homes in recent years. She had 900 people through her house when it was on an October home show

fundraiser. To see photos on Shutterfly from our 50th reunion, send Linkey your email address. If you have photos of classmates or yourself to share, please put them on our Shutterfly site, "UMW Class of '63."

Pete and I (Betsy) still love life on Bainbridge Island, Wash. **Karen Vandevanter Chapman** took the ferry from Whidbey Island, I took the ferry from "my" island, and we met for lunch at a town in the middle. Let me know if you're in the Seattle area! It's wonderful to hear from so many classmates! Keep the cards, letters, and emails coming.

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News from our 50th reunion in May/June will appear in the fall/winter issue of *UMW Magazine*.

If there were prizes for emails sent the longest distance, one would go to **Susan Orebaugh Nicholson**, who was on an extended tour of Vietnam with her husband when she emailed from the Saigon airport.

Be Davison Herrera was to be in Virginia in May, holding workshops and poetry readings at the Westmoreland County church where her parents were married and she was baptized. Be was invited to do a labyrinth workshop for the Westmoreland County Historical Society and poetry readings around the state. Thanks to our newsletter, several alumnae contacted her to plan dates for readings. Be also plans work in the Richmond-Henrico area, was commissioned to create labyrinths in places as varied as Taos, N.M., Sacramento, Calif., and Virginia Beach, and hoped to stage a photo exhibit of her work.

Jayne Gosnell Helm attended Mary Washington for two years, singing with "The Grace Notes." She earned a nursing degree at U.Va., worked in NYC, and

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returned to U.Va. to teach. She earned a master's degree in nursing from Emory and raised two children in Hawaii, Chester, Va., and Columbia, S.C., with her late first husband. She then taught at USC, where she earned a J.D., and practiced law in Columbia and Charleston, where she became a probate court associate judge in 2002. Jayne suffered a severe stroke in 2010 and moved with her second husband to Raleigh, N.C., near children and grandchildren.

Martha Hanks Cooper visited former roommate **Connie Marsh Pollard** last fall in Brookline, Mass., enjoying a Greek fish market and a tour of Boston. Connie's husband, JK, restored their 100-year-old house.

Patti Jones Schacht and Richard's friend from Germany, the interpreter when they explored Richard's ancestral roots near the Baltic Sea, visited them early this year. Patti and Richard visited Hawaii with friends and planned a summer trip to Northern Ireland. Patti does ministry at nursing homes and for at-risk youths, and hosts international exchange students working locally.

Sally Crenshaw Witt and I continue to email and looked forward to seeing each other during our 50th.

Thinking about all that's happened in our world and lives in 50 years is mind-boggling. May we continue to work as agents for peace and happiness in this troubled but beautiful world!

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Life is good in Atlanta, except my children are so far away.

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Bay Watch Gets Personal

When Thomas Parham '86 came to the University of Mary Washington as an undergraduate, he was already an avid fisherman. By graduation, he'd turned that passion into a career.

Parham, 50, is director of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Tidewater Ecosystems Assessment office. After leaving Mary Washington with a degree in biology, Parham earned a master's degree in oceanography from Old Dominion University in 1989. "I guess the common thread is that I love to fish," he said. "I like to figure out where the fish are going to be."

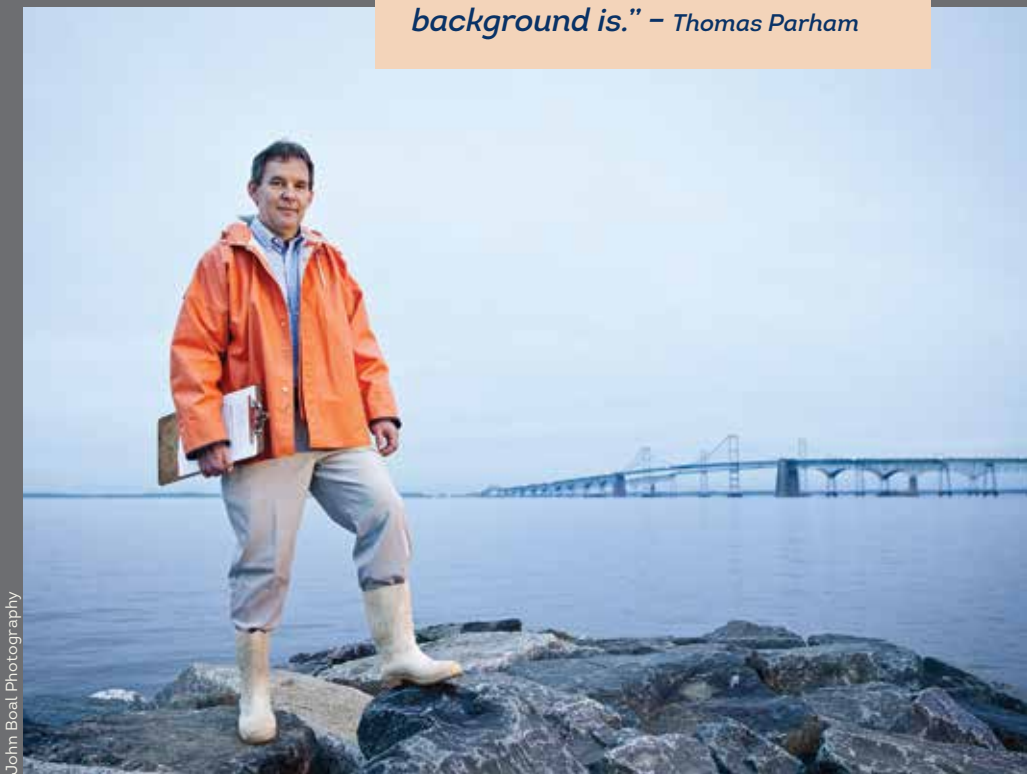
Today Parham manages a network of water-quality monitors around the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay. The bay's health is getting better overall, he said, thanks to mandatory state water-quality goals. "We're starting to see improvements in the bay's watershed," he said, noting that earlier voluntary goals failed. "The amount of polluted runoff is decreasing, and there are more underwater grasses."

Parham, who lives and works in Annapolis and has an 8-year-old daughter, has been in this position since 2008. He's been working for Maryland since starting with the Department of the Environment, where he helped study water-quality issues.

Parham grew up in Minnesota and Northern Virginia. He chose Mary Washington in part to run cross-country and track, and he credits his liberal arts studies with helping him in his work today. "One of the things I've realized in my career," he said, "is how great a diverse background is."

Parham remembered his classes in economics, psychology, and immunology as exceptional. And now that he's working on a second master's in environmental economics, he said, "the background from Mary Washington is very helpful."

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John Beal Photography

Thomas Parham, shown here at Sandy Point State Park, is in charge of monitoring water quality for Maryland's portion of the Chesapeake Bay.

Professor of Biology Bill Pinschmidt, who retired from Mary Washington in 1988, helped Parham connect science with his love of nature. "He was the guy who got me interested in tying it all together," Parham said.

When he was a student, Parham did lots of fly-fishing on the Rappahannock and Rapidan rivers. Just for fun, he even kept a largemouth bass in a 33-gallon tank on campus – though he had a hard time keeping it fed.

Today Parham is dedicated to helping the public understand and care about the state of the Chesapeake Bay. He collects data and trends on the water systems' health and translates them so people can see how what happens in the bay affects them. "When we

show people a graph of nitrogen and phosphorous levels, people don't care. What they care about is, 'Will the water be cleaner? Are there going to be more jobs?'"

That's why Parham focuses more now on how environmental issues affect the economy, he said. "Having a broad-based background from Mary Washington has really helped me do that."

– Robert Burke



My son and his family are in Oberammergau, Germany, for the next two-plus years on assignment with NATO. My daughter's family is in San Jose, Calif. I spent Christmas in Germany, visiting monasteries and castles, and hiking the countryside with grandchildren, ages 6, 4, and 1. In February, I visited grandsons, ages 3 and 1, in California, returning in time for a tennis weekend in Big Canoe. I'm still playing lots of tennis (my knee injury sophomore year slows me down a bit), and I'm in three book clubs. Remember to send me your email addresses as they change.

Patty Boyette Taavoste's sons were in New Jersey for summer. She was in Alaska in June with her cousin, as she turned 70, and cruised with her brother in Anchorage. She stayed at Marriott's Sea View in September with husband Heino. In October, she went wine tasting with her

region of France. **Louise Stevens Robbins** took a food, art, and music tour of Tuscany in fall. She's a volunteer consultant with the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa as they work toward a library and immersion school, and as an editor with the Simpson Street Free Press, a Madison, Wis., afterschool program. She celebrated her 70th in January with son Greg and his family, including grandchildren Cole, 14, and Harper, 12; her Madison son Patrick; and a host of friends. **Penelope Partridge Booth** had been helping with grandsons ages 11 and 13 in Needham, Mass., and grandsons ages 6 and 10 and a granddaughter, 7, in Apex, N.C. She planned a river cruise between Paris and Prague in May with her retired sister.

Janice Helvey Robinson and Rob of the Atlanta area get together with children and grandchildren Katie, 14, a high school freshman; Abby, 6; Samantha, 4; and Will, almost 2. They took a western Mediterranean cruise, rented a southern Italy condo, and visited Jackson Hole and Vail. They planned

to spend time in Annapolis, Md., for Rob's 50th Naval Academy reunion. They visited Janice's sister and her family in New Market, Va., and traveled to Yorktown, Jamestown, Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, and Montpelier last year. They enjoy church, choir, movies, golf, puzzles, and bridge.

Diane Coptly Fadely's husband, Milt, passed away unexpectedly in February.

1966

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Barbara Bishop Mann and Robert visited Roger and **Ryan Stewart Davis** in the Canadian Rockies in fall. In June, they went to St. Petersburg, Helsinki, and Stockholm. In fall, they cruised

around Italy and visited Greek islands and Dubrovnik, Croatia. They spent Thanksgiving with Bobbi's niece's family near Atlanta. At Christmastime, Bobbi and **Jana Privette Usry** had a long overdue lunch. In January, Robert and Bobbi celebrated the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Panama Canal by traveling through it on their way to Costa Rica. Imagine Bobbi's surprise to find **Mary Grace Wright Day** on the same excursion!

Jana Privette Usry planned an April trip, her first overseas, with her sister, Pamela, to visit their nephew, Scott, in Prague for her great-niece's fourth birthday. When Jana turned 70 in October, she staged a party at the country club to thank everyone who supported her through her long bout with cancer. There was a silent auction, a DJ, dancing, and awards for her "care team." Family members came from as far away as Albuquerque, N.M., and they raised nearly \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society. Jana sings with Richmond's One Voice Chorus and resumed her mediation services. Her Shih Tzu, Willie Wonka, turned 1 in December.

Joan Cuccias Patton visited the Big Island in Hawaii, Tampa, Fla., the Outer Banks and Black Mountain, N.C., Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head, S.C., and Dauphine Island, Ala. She traveled with friends to Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and England, and cruised to Turkey and Greece. Joan substitute teaches high school math, was in her community's little theater spring production, and joined an 18-hole golf league. Her youngest grandchild is in kindergarten; the eldest is in middle school.

Marty Spigel Sedoff and husband Bob visited NYC in March with the Edina High School thespians; South Carolina with family; Boston for Bob's college friend's birthday; Vermont, completing Marty's visit to all

50 states; and Costa Rica in December. Bob designed a set for *Fiddler on the Roof*, which was selected to be performed at the June International Thespian Festival. Bob and Marty planned to travel with the group as chaperones. Bob lost more than 90 pounds and 15 inches on his waist. He race sails in summer. Marty, a substitute paraprofessional, works with K-12 special needs students, served as a standardized math test scorer for Questar last spring, volunteers with the Cowles dance theater, plays bridge, takes tap and water aerobics classes, and golfs.

Kathleen Goddard Moss welcomed former Turkish exchange student Selay in December for an extended visit. Selay and her trilingual children, Kuzey, 6, and Zeynep, 2, traveled from China to the U.S. and accompanied Kathleen and Tom to Ohio to visit son Dave, Lanita, Cheryl, and Quentin. Kathy welcomed great-nephew Peter, her sister **Eileen Goddard Albrigo's** 11th grandchild. Kathy and Tom work part time but might move to a retirement facility in 2016.

Cherie Wells Brumfield and husband Joe sold their Port Orange, Fla., house and moved temporarily to an Orlando apartment. Their partly disabled daughter and only grandson are nearby. Cherie and Joe visited their older daughter in

Susan Hanes Chaney '66 and **Bill** used to live in Northern Virginia but now live in Deltaville, where they fish, garden, and take riverside walks.

Washington, D.C., in February, traveled to New Orleans in March, and took a Thanksgiving cruise through the Panama Canal.

Anne Meade Claggett's husband, John, had an angioplasty in spring and four stents placed in his right leg. In fall, Anne had a hip replacement and physical therapy. They've resumed normal activities. Anne's active with

Caroline Smith Parkinson '65 and husband Jim live in Richmond, where she's a part-time priest associate at St. James' Episcopal Church.

Alaska brother and cousins in California, and attended a wedding, with more family, in Miami. **Karen Marsteller Nash's** children threw a party for her 70th on a Newport harbor cruise vessel.

Caroline Smith Parkinson and husband Jim live in Richmond. She's a part-time priest associate at Richmond's St. James' Episcopal Church, consulting for parish search committees and vestries, and serving on the Virginia Theological Seminary and John Marshall Foundation boards of trustees. She visits children and grandchildren. The whole family celebrated her 70th with a long weekend in Williamsburg.

Barbara Wohlfeil Weatherall traveled to Europe in September, visiting Zillertal in Austria, taking the train across Switzerland, and stopping in the Dordogne

"Republican stuff" in and around Fauquier County, Va. They had to put their dear cat, Night, to rest in spring.

Pam Kearney Patrick's husband, TaB, retired from his second career. **Peggy Beeler Burns** of Florida was to visit them while in Virginia to see her two grandchildren. **Carol Bingley Wiley** and **Pam Hughes Ward** were also to join them while Carol

Annette Maddra Horner '66 and her husband traveled to Norway above the Arctic Circle to the northernmost human habitations.

visited Pam on the Northern Neck. Pam was accepted into the Potomac Valley Watercolorists and received a monetary award last August for best watercolor.

Lois Rucker Scott attended an Asheville, N.C., knitting and quilting retreat in January for the sixth consecutive year. It gives her a break from managing her family of six. Husband Sam had many medical complications last year, after a 2012 triple bypass surgery and three additional surgeries, yet still works full time. Lois called **Kathy Pollard Wood** of Indianapolis on her birthday in January. Kathy's four children organized a surprise birthday party for her.

Susan Hanes Chaney accompanied husband Bill to Washington, D.C., in April to see the WWII Memorial. After living in Northern Virginia, they enjoy the slow pace and peaceful scenery of Deltaville, where they fish, garden, and take riverside walks. In August, they stayed in Michigan's Mackinac Island Grand Hotel. They stopped at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn on their way to visit cousins in Ohio, where Bill was feted for his 90th birthday. As the only WWII veteran at his ship's September reunion in Mobile, he had the honor of placing the memorial wreath for service aboard the USS Alabama.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner

and husband Charlie golfed in Fort Myers, Fla., in winter, returning to Alexandria for Mary Kathryn's annual March duty with Nelli's Needlers in the Woodlawn Plantation tearoom. **Katharine Rogers Lavery** suggested the Mary Washington Lunch Bunch meet there while Mary Kathryn tended bar. **Sandra Hutchison Schanné** and **Clara Middleton Leigh '64** drove with her, expecting to meet **Pam Kearney Patrick**, **Lois Rucker Scott**, **Kathleen Goddard Moss**, **Eileen Goddard Albrigo**, **Joan Cuccias Patton**, **Anne Kales Lindblom**, and other classmates there.

Last spring **Ryan Stewart Davis** and Roger celebrated their niece's graduate work in Bologna and visited Roger's Italian relatives. They caught up with Carl and **Mary Ann Pyne White** during their November visit and spent family time at Christmas in Albuquerque, N.M., on a hot air balloon ride piloted by Ryan's sister-in-law. They planned a March trip to Maui with **Ginny Bateman Brinkley** and her family.

Dee Dee Nottingham Ward of San Diego sold her CPA firm in 2010 but still works nearly full time. Her son has MS but is well and skis at Mammoth Mountain with his two girls. Dee Dee is active in the MS Society. She and Nat were sorting stamps and albums, Nat's hobby. They spend time in their mountain home. Dee Dee was sorry to miss a January UMW alumni happy hour.

Betsy Chappelle Tryon of Redondo Beach, Calif., has a four-female family, including Sophie Cat. Granddaughter Maddy, 12, has made Betsy the shortest family member! A retired teacher, she meets and greets travelers at LAX.

Katharine Rogers Lavery and husband Hank succumbed to pressure from peers – Hank's Long Island, N.Y., grammar school classmates – and took a March cruise to St. Thomas. As

we turn 70, they're already 80 and figured it was now or never. Katharine and Hank visited family and friends on the way to Florida. At an Irish Tenors holiday concert, Katharine noticed the trumpeter was Justin Nurin, son of **Susan Roth Nurin!**

Kitty Downs Gregg and Don survived the Denver winter but dream of moving to Florida, perhaps the Naples area. They'd been downsizing and updating to prepare the house for sale. Daughter Cindy and husband Tom of Denver work for Accenture. Son Chris of Arlington, Va., works for the U.S. Treasury Department and is pursuing a second master's degree.

Annette Maddra Horner travels from Elizabeth City, N.C., to Charlotte and to Alexandria, Va., to see her granddaughter and three grandsons, all under 5. Annette was on the committee for nominating a new Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina bishop. She was relatively new to the area, and the yearlong project helped her learn about the region and use her professional skills in retirement. Last August she and her husband traveled to Norway, from Oslo to Bergen, up the coast, above the Arctic Circle to the northernmost human habitations, and just short of the Russian border. Highlights were the fjords and the cities of Trondheim and Tromsø. In

Kitty Downs Gregg '66 and **Don** survived the Denver winter but dream of moving to Florida, perhaps to the Naples area.

Amsterdam, they revisited renovated museums they'd seen more than 20 years ago when Annette was a frequent business traveler to the Netherlands and Belgium. She recommends *Amsterdam: A History of the World's Most Liberal City* by Russell Shorto.

Diana Hamilton Cowell is retired and moved with her husband in 2009 from Huntington, W.Va., to South Bethany, Del. Dennis and **Mary Morris Bishop** visited after our 45th class reunion. Diana was working to

facilitate the sister city relationship between Bethany Beach and Periers, France, in the Normandy region. She had close ties with Periers after visiting often with her father, who was there during WWII. Diana and Dan, avid bikers and boaters, volunteer with the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company and other groups. After heading the South Bethany Neighborhood Watch program, Dan turned it over to Diana, who also participates in the South Bethany Women's Club, McCabe's Babes (named after the deli where they meet), and the Inland Bays spring horseshoe crab and summer fish count. The Cowells enjoy the Rehoboth Beach Film Society's year-round films and live Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. Still a lap swimmer, Diana plunged into a 45-degree Atlantic Ocean on New Year's Day during the Leo Brady Exercise Like the Eskimos Plunge! Their children live in Ocean Beach, Calif.; Spring Grove, Pa.; Clayton, Del. (with two grandchildren); and Huntington.

1967

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Terry Clement Mouser of Louisville, Ky., is retired and has five grandchildren, ages 11 to 16, and 6-year-old Maltese Snowball.

Elizabeth "Beth" Moses Mathes is starting a business writing books about personal and family histories. Her first book was *Homeward Bound: A Boy's Life in World War II Era England*, a story of

Englishman Peter Ritchie. Beth was learning to produce books, deal with copyright issues and ISBNs, and find the right graphic designer and printer. She moved back to her hometown, Ashland, Va., three years ago, and bets that stirs up Randolph-Macon memories for many of you! She asks classmates to write in to *UMW Magazine*.

Donna Sinclair Seward, **Catherine Wilson**, and **Claudia Bischoff Vroman** traveled to



China last year to celebrate 50 years of friendship. Highlights include Shanghai, a Yangtze River cruise in the Three Gorges Dam area, the Terracotta Army, climbing the Great Wall, and visiting the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Their journey ended in Hong Kong. Catherine and Donna get together with **Sandi Lawhorne Green**. Catherine visits **Robin Williams Blair** in Northern Virginia, where they all live. And they visit Claudia in Virginia Beach.

Patsy Monahan Holden is retired but works part time at a counseling agency. She and husband Mike visited friends and family in the Carolinas early this year. They planned a river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam in September for their 46th anni-

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Iris Harrell and partner Ann went to Kenya in February for a safari, seeing elephants, zebras, giraffes, and Cape Horn buffaloes. Iris hopes to golf and see more of the world after she retires in June from her remodeling company, to be 100 percent employee-owned by then.

Phyllis Newby Thompson visited daughter Lauren, a VH1 producer, in Tribeca Manhattan in February and son Seth in

attend the March inauguration of the new Winthrop University president in Rock Hill, S.C., **Linda Gattis Shull** was delighted to be asked to fill in for him.

By now, our 45th reunion is over. I hope many of you reconnected with classmates. We'll have a full report of the weekend in the next *UMW Magazine*.

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We finally moved into our new home in a 55+ community last December and were unpacking and getting settled. We're having a deck with a gazebo built behind the house and completing our landscaping in preparation for our home to be on the Soleil Garden Tour in May. We're involved in cooking clubs, game nights, and dinner outings, and look forward to exploring more of the area.

Anne Sommervold LeDoux's husband, John, plays golf in Myrtle Beach and does consulting work that requires travel. Son Justin and wife Cari teach and live nearby with their son, Sean, 17 months. Their other son, Matt, and wife Shannon live in Arizona with grandchildren Hannah, in first grade, and Cash, 3. Anne traveled to Peru – her first trip to South America – with friends last May, visiting Machu Picchu. In March, Anne and John planned a trip to Greece and to cruise the Adriatic Sea.

In February 2013, **Frimalee Kaplan Nowicki** cruised around the Galapagos Islands with friends. Last July she and husband Vince visited wineries and Dinosaur National Monument in Colorado; rafted and hiked in Canyonlands National Park in Utah; and went to Frontier Days and the rodeo in Cheyenne, Wyo. In September, they traveled to France and visited wineries; olive oil manufacturers; Roman ruins;

the mental institution where Van Gogh painted some of his famous works; Avignon, known for its Papal Palace; Albi, home of the world's largest collection of Toulouse-Lautrec works and Europe's largest brick cathedral; and Carcassonne, a medieval fortress town.

Barbara Forgione Tansey sold her Tennessee home last July and moved to a single-family condo in a Chesapeake, Va., adult community near daughter Lisa and grandson Bodie. **Gretchen Gregory Davis** and husband Gene achieved their dream of retiring to the Colorado mountains, where they hike, bike, and ski. Last April Gretchen became president of their Dillon, Colo., homeowners association and joined the Keystone Owners Association's board. Son Greg works for defense industry contractor BAE. Gretchen's dad, 93, still travels and last April took an around-the-world cruise. He was a hit when he spoke at a Royal Bank of Canada series last October about his experience with the Cuban Missile Crisis and has more speaking engagements. Gretchen's sister, Cookie, won an Emmy for her involvement in Ballet Austin's *Light/The Holocaust & Humanity Project*.

Martha Pickard Zink and husband Rip of Kiawah, S.C., maintain homes in Ruxton, Md., and Bethany Beach, Del. Rip goes to the beach daily and golfs. Martha bikes, golfs, gardens, paints, sews, plays bridge, and is in book clubs. Last August they traveled to Utah and Colorado, visiting Arches and Canyonlands national parks, Durango, Telluride, Crested Butte, and the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. In November, they cruised from Venice to Istanbul, visiting Croatia, Athens, and Ephesus. Son Matt is busy with mortgages; wife Amy is in real estate. Their children are Hannah, in third grade, and James, in kindergarten. Matt's brother, Doug, builds and renovates in Charlottesville.

The Class of '67's **Donna Sinclair Seward**, **Catherine Wilson**, and **Claudia Bischoff Vroman** traveled to China last year to celebrate 50 years of friendship.

versary. Last year they went to Italy. They travel from their home near Houston to visit their triplets and their families, who all live in Austin. Patsy hears from **Florence Bishop** at Christmas.

Nancy McDonald Legat and husband Dan of Lexington, S.C., were to celebrate 47 years of marriage in June. They have three daughters, three sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson, all in the Columbia, S.C., area. Nancy and Dan travel, like movies from the '40s, walk, read, and babysit their "grand dogs."

Laurie Newman DiPadova-Stocks' daughter's son, Max, 7, was on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* early this year. Max has brain cancer and has undergone five brain surgeries, chemotherapy, and radiation since age 4. The suit Jimmy Kimmel wore on the show was auctioned on eBay with proceeds donated to the MaxLove Project. "How Max is doing is how I am doing," Laurie said. "As long as he is doing OK, I am doing OK!"

Yountville, Calif., in Napa Valley, where he planned an August wedding. Phyllis and **Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness** meet for coffee, movies, and lectures. They lived within a mile of each other in northern California for more than 30 years before reconnecting.

Jeanine Zavrel Fearns spent time at her family's mountain cabin near Berkeley Springs, W.Va., in winter. She planned a June trip to Alaska's Denali National Park and a cruise down the coast to Vancouver. **Jane Jackson Woerner** took an Eastern Caribbean cruise with family members last March, then checked on her mother, 92, who's in a Bristol, Va., assisted living facility.

Since husband Paul's 96-year-old mother moved in with them, **Nancy Yeager Allard** doesn't travel as much. She goes to the theater, is involved in church activities and literary advocacy, and is co-president of Friends of the George Mason Library.

When President Hurley couldn't

Iris Harrell '69 and partner Ann went to Kenya in February for a safari and saw elephants, zebras, giraffes, and Cape Horn buffaloes.

Edith C. "Dibby" Clark took a cruise early in the year with her mother and her sister, **Anne Clark '69**, from Miami to Lima, Peru, with stops at Key West, Grand Cayman, and Panama City. They visited archaeological digs and restorations at

Chemistry: Understanding the Unspoken. Her business includes relationship/transformation consulting. In February 2013, she drove cross-country, visiting friends, including Professor Emeritus of Physics Bulent Atalay and his wife, Carol Jean,

husband Ron raised four children in Bethesda, Md. Her older daughter died in 2005, and Ron died in 2007. When daughter Jenny and husband Nick moved to Newburyport, Mass., Judy relocated there and was awaiting the birth of her first grandchild. Her sons live in Berkeley and Ann Arbor. Judy's still close with freshman roommate **Aileen Reynolds**.

Mary Jane Chandler Miller and Fred of northeastern Vermont welcomed their second granddaughter in December and celebrated their 42nd anniversary in February. Mary Jane stays in touch with **Bonney Barber Mayers** from the French House; freshman year friends from Virginia second back **Nancy Lindberg**, **Carol Kling Walker**, **Pam Hudson**, **Carol Surber Lewis**, **Judy O'Donoghue Batterson**, and **Jeannie Mitchell Brobst**; and our counselor, **Carole Findlay Phipps '69**.

Frimalee Kaplan Nowicki '70 cruised around the Galapagos Islands with friends; visited Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming with husband Vince; and traveled to France to visit historic sites and wineries.

pre-Incan sites outside of Salaverry. Edith took the Year of Faith Pilgrimage to Rome, Orvieto, and Assisi, visiting churches and the catacombs. During an audience with newly elected Pope Francis, he twice passed within arm's reach. During the Institute of Catholic Culture's Year of Faith pilgrimage to the Holy Land, she followed the locations and events of the Gospel of Matthew, on the Sea of Galilee and in Jerusalem. She visited Masada and Qumran, and swam in the Dead Sea. Last summer, Edith built up her landscape design and four-season garden business. She walked with Vietnam veterans in a Memorial Day parade, completed house renovations, and visited her mother and sister for her mother's 94th birthday.

Peggy Hall Brown, **Lynn Hammes Rayher**, **Mimi Webb Stout**, **Lynne Royston Wine**, and **Judy Wiener Winters**, all retired in Virginia, met for lunch recently in Charlottesville. **Lynn Amole Horng** and husband Albert of Hatfield, Pa., were renovating a house they bought four years ago in Philadelphia. They have children Dunstan, a data manager; Debra, who's pursuing a Ph.D.; Aidan, who earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel University; and Abe.

In 2011, **Rochele HC Hirsch** moved from Atlanta to Singapore in February but returned in November to the Los Angeles area, where she lived until February 2013. During that time, she wrote *Relationship*

in Virginia, and Tony and **Jan Sullivan Chalmers** in Florida. In August 2013, Rochele returned to San Francisco for an event she organized honoring Suzanne Caygill's color analysis legacy. Rochele was involved directly with Suzanne from 1982 until her death in 1994, and graduated from her Academy of Color in 1989. She plans to travel this year and work on her next book, *Get a Better Return on Your Crash & Burn*.

Patricia Piermatti retired and spent time in the southeast in December, visiting Fort Sumter, the USS Yorktown, Disney World, and the Ernest Hemingway House. She's taken day trips with the Adult School of Montclair to the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, N.J., and the WWII & NYC exhibit at the New-York Historical Society. She also has traveled with the Victorian Society in America to the Pinchot family home, Grey Towers, in Milford, Pa., to see the Lincoln assassination flag at the Pike County Historical Society at the Columns, and to Edgewater, the former Livingston family home in Barrytown, N.Y.

Kathleen Horstkamp Beach and husband Dave live in Littleton, Colo., near daughter Stephanie, who last November expected twin girls. Kathleen retired from teaching high school English and focuses on her ceramics, recently on display in Colorado galleries.

Judy Templeman Miller and

As I wrote this, snow was falling in York, Pa. It was a long, snowy winter, but I enjoyed it since it was the first year I wasn't working and didn't have to go anywhere. That Medicare booklet in the mail on your birthday is a bit disconcerting. How did we get to 65?

Laurie McIntosh '71 travels to help young military men and women hone their writing skills for business and government.

Barbara Exline Staller, **Liz Keith**, and I met for lunch near Lancaster, Pa., as we did last year. Barbara lives not far from York. She and Walt bought a house and finally renovated and unpacked. Liz lost her 20-year-old Westie and was training her new Westie puppy, Pippa. Since retiring from teaching, Liz has cruised and traveled.

I hear from **Kathy Lewis Newbold**, who lives in Flatrock, N.C., and was anxious to get on the golf course and beat Greg. She and I wore the eagle, globe, and anchor several years after graduating and still hear from Mary Washington friends.

Mary Weaver Mann's mother is 104 and going strong. Mary's son Zephyr moved home for a while and has worked on films, including *Divergent* and *Thor*. Mary still works at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library in Fredericksburg.

Pam Rave Hall and **Diana Rupert Livingston**, who is retired, are still close and met in Williamsburg before Christmas. Our condolences to Pam, who lost her mother over winter.

Mary T. Bradley MacPherson and I email, trying to connect in person. We missed each other while I was in Brussels and she was working in North Africa with Vital Voices. She, **Betsy Morrell Bryan**, professor of Egyptology at Johns Hopkins, and I are on the UMW College of Arts and Sciences advisory board under the leadership of Dean Richard Finkelstein. We look at aspects of the college, act as advisors and possibly mentors to students, and engage in outreach, especially to out-of-state prospective students.

Laurie McIntosh travels to help young military men and women hone their writing skills for business and government. She plans a tentative retirement next year to spend more time with her mother, 90, but will continue to work if she can do sessions nearby. The winter weather kept Laurie and me from meeting, but hopefully we will soon.

Let us hear from you!

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MARCH 1	SUMMER
JULY 1	FALL/WINTER

Holding Patrick Henry's Seat

It was a beautiful Friday afternoon, and Del. Hyland F. "Buddy" Fowler Jr. '95 thought he might go fishing. Then U.S. Rep. Eric Cantor called and invited him to lunch. He'd have to indulge his passion for the outdoors another day.

"If the House majority leader wants me to be somewhere, I'm marching," said Fowler, who did plenty of that on the campaign trail last year. For months, he attended every fish fry and chicken pickin' in Virginia's 55th House District. Some days, he knocked on so many doors his knuckles ached.

Those efforts paid off. When election results rolled in on Nov. 5, 2013, the Republican had garnered 57 percent of the votes, besting his Democratic and Libertarian opponents for a seat in Virginia's House of Delegates – where Cantor got his start.

"Fifteen thousand and some folks are pulling the lever for me. ... It's very

humbling," Fowler said. "I'm sitting in Patrick Henry's seat in the legislature. To be representing that district, it's a privilege and a huge responsibility."

Fowler never intended to run for office. He grew up in Henrico County, not far from the state capital. After high school he took classes at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, where he met his wife of 33 years, Patsy Traylor, who was a nursing student.

Fowler built much of the couple's house in Hanover County himself, digging the footers with a pick and shovel and handling carpentry and electrical work. He worked in the printing business for a while and co-owned a firm that handled medical billing. When Fowler's partner passed away, he sold the business and decided to finish college.

Fowler's sister had gone to UMW, and he said the school's academic reputation and its proximity to home made it attractive. He majored in history and

loaded up on economics classes.

"I always felt it was like getting an Ivy League education at public school prices," said Fowler, who graduated with honors at age 40. "Whatever ability I have, I owe a lot of it to the school."

The father of three somehow made time for intramural basketball at Mary Washington and earned the nickname "Bud Ice" for his cool demeanor at the free-throw line.

During Fowler's senior year, he took a three-month internship with the General Assembly's Joint Republican Caucus and ended up working there a decade. He was legislative aide to Republican Delegates Frank Hargrove Sr. and John Cox, both of whom served the 55th District. When Cox opted not to run again, the Republican Party turned to Fowler.

During his first legislative session this year, Fowler said he drew on some of the skills he picked up in his writing- and speaking-intensive classes at Mary Washington, including how to formulate an argument and clearly convey a message. Two of the bills he sponsored passed both houses and earned the governor's signature.

On the last day of the session, Fowler left the Capitol and drove straight to St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. He arrived in time for the birth of his second grandson.

"I was able to tell people at least the day ended on a high note," he said, allowing he never could have predicted his life's trajectory. "I think some people look at life, and their path is more linear. I sort of zigged and zagged. I've been so blessed."

– Edie Gross

"I always felt it was like getting an Ivy League education at public school prices."

– Del. Hyland F. "Buddy" Fowler Jr.

You're as likely to find Del. Buddy Fowler Jr. rabbit hunting with his beagles in Sussex County as working in his Virginia General Assembly office.



'95

1972

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Hello, fellow classmates. I hope everyone came through the winter with flying colors.

Cheryl Prietz Childress and I listened to the Moody Blues in college and finally got the chance to see them in concert at Richmond's Altria Theater, formerly the Mosque. Cheryl and Dave stay busy on their farm, and with horse-related events and colonial re-enactments, posting pictures on Facebook in full costume. Cheryl makes but-

Deb Stanley Leap '72 has helped folks in arid lands find potable water for years. She visited Jordan and Israel last year and gained insights into the Middle East.

tons for colonial re-enactors and was a movie extra for the *TURN* series being filmed in Richmond for AMC. Dennis and I hoped to connect with them again during the April Fort Frederick event.

Deb Stanley Leap has helped folks in arid lands find potable water for years. Her mission multiplied tenfold since she visited Jordan and Israel last year, picking up insight into the tensions and issues of the Middle East. Daughter **Amy Leap '12** works at the Explore More Discovery Museum in Harrisonburg, Va., and mother **Ruth Smith Stanley '45** is 90.

My nose is constantly to the grindstone on the job, but I still sing and am planning new programs to take to different venues. I have many upcoming "Hon" activities.

Here's hoping more of you will touch base. It's always a pleasure to hear from each of you.

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Pam Smith McGahagin wrote to **Diane Harvey Smith** from Atlanta, where Pam works in marketing for the local NBC affiliate. Between work, family, friends, dogs, and cats, she and husband Mike travel. Last year they stayed with friends in Haamstede, a resort town on the North Sea in the Netherlands. In September, they visited Kauai in Hawaii. Recently Pam had dinner with fellow Atlantan **Martha Fisher Bucknell** and treasures her yearly "old gal" weekends with **Pat Denton Rounds** and

Diane Harvey Smith. The last one was at Pat's Queen Anne home in Siler City, N.C. Pat completed renovation of the kitchen, baths, den, and living and dining rooms, and added a porch. Son Adam married Californian Lindsay in March 2013 in Palo Alto and moved to Northern Virginia.

Four years ago **Patti Goodall Strawderman** asked **Linda Fotis**, who attended MWC from 1970 to '71, on Facebook, "Are you the Fotis that lived in Willard Hall freshman year?" Linda reconnected with her Mary Washington sisters and had two mini-reunions. After leaving Mary Washington, she earned degrees in religion from Tufts University and in music from American University, but her MWC connections are the most precious. This is a special kind of miracle that happens because of the place MWC truly is. Linda was anxious to get back to campus for our 40th reunion. **Linda Raflo Raford** has practiced acupuncture and Chinese medicine for 14 years. After a 20-plus-year career as a certified nurse-midwife, she started an acupuncture

Linda Raflo Raford '74 has traveled to Nepal with Acupuncturists Without Borders to treat monks in mountain monasteries, to India to treat Tibetan refugees, and to Myanmar and Bali to train acupuncturists.

department in Denver senior medical centers about eight years ago. She's traveled to Nepal with Acupuncturists Without Borders to treat monks in mountain monasteries, to India to treat Tibetan refugees, to Myanmar to train Burmese acupuncturists, and to Bali to train Australian acupuncturists. She took her 22-year-old daughter along. She visited New Zealand for her 60th birthday and was taking a Master Herbalist course. Her son, his wife, and Linda's grandchildren, ages 3 and 5, live in Dubai, so she planned to visit again in spring.

Bobbie Burton relinquished her role as executive director of Longwood University's Hull Springs Farm, a working farm in transition to an environmental education center, last year. A Northern Neck Land Conservancy preservation specialist, she helps landowners place conservation easements on their properties. She sails, kayaks, crabs, gardens, and is senior warden for Cople Episcopal Parish and an active Virginia Master Naturalist.

Dianne Doering Junker met husband Tom Junker through **Kate Crouch** and **Marnie Crouch** just before graduation. They were to celebrate their 39th anniversary in July. The Junkers have been in touch with the Crouches through the years, visiting Moab, Utah, for a horseback riding and canoeing trip on the Green River in April 2013. Dianne has three children, including twins, and three granddaughters. They love to ski and moved to Conifer, Colo., in 1996. They've traveled to the Caribbean, Brazil, Europe, Ireland, Iceland, Mexico, Tanzania in East Africa, Alaska, and Hawaii. Tom works on a Mars spacecraft. Dianne retired as Denver's University of Colorado Hospital Health System manager after 17 years there and 30 in nursing. She

does daycare for her youngest granddaughter, 9 months, and has monthly dinners with **Linda Raflo Raford**, **Betsy Clark Butler '75**, and occasionally **Ann McCauley** from the Boulder area. She keeps in touch with her children in Arvada, Colo.; Lander, Wyo.; and Santa Rosa, Calif., and her siblings in Minnesota and Nebraska. She couldn't make the 40th reunion but said you never know when their '73 VW Kombi bus might swing into another reunion.

Betsy Clark Butler has lived atop a mountain at 9,000 feet for 32 years and is a computer programmer in Denver. Her husband grew up a couple mountains over. They feed hundreds of birds every day and hike in the woods with their Lab/cattle dog mix. She thanks the 40th Reunion Committee – **Bobbie Burton**, **Sid Baker Etherington**, **Peg Hubbard**, **Patti Goodall Strawderman**, **Diane Harvey Smith**, **Jeane Baughan Stone**, **Suzy Passarello Quenzer**, and **Leslie F. Tilghman**.

Mary Beth Jones of the Pacific Northwest, a practicing physician for 35 years, specializes in emergency medicine. She earned a master's degree in health care ethics last year and is program director for ethics for Legacy Health in the Portland, Oregon-Vancouver, Wash., area. She and her husband of 28 years, a U.S. Department of the Interior attorney, have two daughters. One is an attorney; the other was wrapping up her Peace Corps service in Albania. Mary Beth planned to come to the reunion with husband Bill Back.

1975

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1976

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Mary Ruth Burton and husband Rich McClain spent New Year's Eve in D.C. with **Dawn Hill**, who transferred to UNC, and husband Hal Hiemstra. **Hannah Patterson Crew** visited Mary Ruth in Irvington last summer with girlfriends.

Cathy Kroohs '76, an Alexandria Fire Department paramedic for 28 years, plans to retire soon and hopes to visit her nieces and nephews around the country.

Jean Patton Hippert and husband Brent of the Baltimore area celebrated their 38th anniversary in October. They met on a Valentine's Day blind date her freshman year. He was one of the Marines at Quantico OCS who were warned about. He started a business after a career in large brokerage firms. Jean is managing director in PNC Bank's health care division. Only child Hillary moved from Pittsburgh back to D.C. with her Boston terrier. The Hipperts are active in the church they helped plant nine years ago. They planned a trip to Africa this fall for a photo safari and hoped to scuba dive.

Cathy Kroohs, an Alexandria Fire Department paramedic for 28 years, plans to retire soon and hopes to visit some of her 10 nieces and nephews around the country. Cathy is in three choirs, on various committees, and in her second year as congregation council president at Peace Lutheran Church. She looked forward to biking after all the snow.

Jean Ellis Crabtree, a Tricking Springs Creamery AR specialist, moved to Chambersburg, Pa. She's visited daughter **Diane Crabtree '14**, who was accepted into a JFK University graduate program in California, in Fredericksburg. Daughter Carol manages a Maryland horse farm, and Claire teaches elementary school music in Florida.

Myra McCord Lovelace and **Helen Taylor Salter** connected when Helen attended a Houston wedding. Myra met Helen's family, and they pored over Myra's 1976 *Battlefield* yearbook, laughing about the condition of Helen's Willard Hall room and how Myra was in Combs Hall 24/7. Myra does market research for a chemical company and is involved with the art community. Husband Jim is in the oil and gas business. Daughter Alex is 30.

Ann Chryssikos McBroom of Salem, Va., gets together annually with **Robin Hotchkiss Warren**, **Margo**

Clifford, and **Robin Cress Bernard**. Son Kerry III married Megan in fall 2012, works in Rockville, Md., and lives in Arlington, Va. Younger son Connor, a music education major at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, has marched with the JMU MRD Drumline. Ann's husband, Kerry, retired then re-entered the workforce for a while. Ann substitute teaches, helps an elderly lady, and does freelance photography.

Evelyn McKee-Heath, with the Philadelphia Police Department for 33 years, is chief inspector of investigations. She was the department's first female inspector and chief inspector. She breeds, owns, and shows prize-winning American Staffordshire terriers and bulldogs. Two of her bulldogs have been official mascots for Mack Trucks. Evelyn earned a master's degree in public safety administration from St. Joseph's University in Philly.

Margaret "Fred" Brown Douglas is grandmother to Ophelia, born to daughter Lucy Beadnell on Fred's birthday! Fred retired last year and keeps baby Phe several days a week. She does fitness training, travels, and volunteers at Richmond's VCU Massey Cancer Center. **Carrie Bell Jacobus'** middle child, a daughter, married in June 2012. Her youngest, a son, got engaged. Carrie worked with the College

Board to create an AP chemistry lab book and inspires teens at her New Jersey high school to pursue STEM careers. She creates art in her studio and was in the traveling exhibit *iView*.

I hope more of you will send news. It's always great to hear from you!

1977

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Greetings to Mary Washers of the Class of 1977! I'm your new class agent, giving **Mary Byrd** a well-earned respite after many years. Thanks to everyone who submitted news!

Mary lives in Saltville, Va., with **Rob Hall**, sings alto with the choir and is part-time office manager at her church, and teaches yoga in Abingdon and Chilhowie, Va. As chief of police, Rob instituted the area's first Citizens Police Academy, teaching community members what it means to be a police officer. They have boxer-mix Calvin.

Lynne Walton Lowe, a counselor and coordinator for the trustee workforce program at the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority, planned to retire soon. She and her husband were working on their Abingdon, Va., house. Lynne's daughter moved to North Carolina from Colorado.

Pat Seyller is costume director for Virginia Opera and the Opera Theatre of St. Louis. They

to rent costumes and attended the Art Directors Guild Awards, where Martin Scorsese received an honorary award presented by Leonardo DiCaprio and Jonah Hill. June Squibb was there, and the orchestra conductor was Johnny Crawford, the kid from the old TV show *The Rifleman*.

Julie Mansfield Wilhelm retired from the U.S. Department of State after 35 years and moved to Virginia Beach in 2011. Daughter Megan joined the Peace Corps in 2011; lives in Tiznit, Morocco, where Julie visited her while on tour last year; married in November; and was due to come home in May. Julie, a Master Gardener intern, remarried. She and Gary planned a March trip to Cambodia and Vietnam. She lived in Saigon as a child and hoped to locate her old house and nursery school.

Janice Wenning and her husband of Berkeley, Calif., are retired. They recently spent two months at their place in Ambergris Caye, Belize, scuba diving and snorkeling in the Caribbean. Janice volunteers there, distributing water filters to families in rural villages and poor communities. In Berkeley, she volunteers for Seacology, a nonprofit focused on worldwide island conservation projects, and represents her neighborhood on the city's Zero Waste Commission. She has a consignment business on eBay. She's in touch with **Laura Stapleton Baker**, **Mary Dornin Michaud**, **Karen Hertzell Pratt**, and **Carol Yancey Orlando**.

Philadelphia Police Department Chief Inspector of Investigations Evelyn McKee-Heath '76, who has been on the force for 33 years, was its first female inspector and chief inspector.

planned another show, *The Magic Flute*, this summer with Isaac Mizrahi. A past contestant from *Project Runway* worked for her and was making hand-knitted long underwear for their production of 27 about Gertrude Stein. In Virginia, they were doing a 1950s-era *Carmen*. Pat went with the designer to LA

Mary Beth Briggs is retired, plays bridge, and does genealogy. **Mindy Campo Thomas**, a private career consultant, connected with **George Clark '75**, **Mike Dwyer** in the City of Brotherly Love, **Liz Smith**, and **Nikki "Kathy" Billos '76**, who moved to Athens, Greece, after graduation. While on a European

Julie Mansfield Wilhelm '77 retired from the U.S. Department of State after 35 years and moved to Virginia Beach in 2011.

jaunt with daughter Andrea this past year, Mindy met Nikki in Venice, Italy.

Tom and **Melinda Peed May** vacationed with her sister, **Rebecca Peed Finelli '86**, husband Charles, and daughters Caroline and Annabelle in Quebec City during Christmas. They stayed in the 100-year-old Chateau Frontenac, with a view of the St. Lawrence River and below-zero temperatures, and took toboggan rides. Melinda and Tom planned to connect with **Terri Navas Slocumb** and Steve, **Kathy Haffey Bova** and Chris, and **Grace Matheny Lalonde** and Francois for a May weekend at Deep Creek, Md. The Slocombs' home, Great Oaks, is on the lake.

That's all the news for now. I look forward to hearing from more classmates next time!

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Sonia Garcia Chilton reviewed **Barrie Jo "B.J." Miller Kirby's** novel, *No Such Thing as a Cherokee Princess*, on Amazon.com. Barrie is pastor of North Carolina's Spencer Presbyterian Church. Husband **Randy Kirby '79**, associate pastor for pastoral care and counseling at First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, still plays Frisbee golf.

1979

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I'm in touch with several classmates in the D.C./Virginia area and met **Carol Middlebrook**, **Linda McCarthy Milone**, and **Betsy Larson Kyker** for brunch in Old Town Alexandria. Carol and her husband traveled recently to Bali, where her brother, **John Middlebrook '82**, and his wife own a bed-and-breakfast

in Sanur. Linda sent a Christmas card of her family skiing in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Her two sons are in

college. Her sister, ambassador to Lithuania, recently visited. Betsy lives in Fairfax, and her two sons, a sophomore and a senior, are in high school.

Gayle Weinberger Petro and friend Jim traveled to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. She keeps up with **Lisa Bratton Soltis**, who's on the UMW Foundation Board and in Roanoke economic development. Lisa has a grandson, Owen. Gayle said **Nancy Quaintance Nelles** was planning daughter Meredith's July wedding. **Judy Kemp Allard** came out of retirement to become a Richmond-area Christian school principal.

Area YMCA. After graduation, Barney taught history for a year at Colonial Beach High School. From 1982 to 1984, he was sports coordinator for King George County Parks and Recreation. In July 1984, he went to work for the Y full time. He became executive director in 1993 and oversaw its growth from 15,000 to 100,000 square feet, making it Virginia's largest YMCA, with additional branches in Spotsylvania, King George, and Caroline counties. Wife Kim teaches in Stafford. They have daughters Meaghan, 28, Devlin, 27, and Erin, 18, plus two sons-in-law and three granddaughters.

In May, I earned a master's degree in executive leadership from the University of San Diego School of Business Administration. I enjoyed the program, but after 22 months of going to school and working full time, I'm happy to be finished.

The Class of '79's **Barbara Goliash Emerson**, **Carol Middlebrook**, **Linda McCarthy Milone**, and **Betsy Larson Kyker** recently met for brunch in Old Town Alexandria.

My sister, **Patricia Goliash Andril '80**, keeps me posted on some of her classmates. Thomas Bogar, husband of **Gail Melanson Carr '80**, wrote *Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination*. Patricia gave the book to my husband for Christmas, since his great-grandfather, Ned Emerson, was acting in the play that evening. It's a great read.

I'd love to hear from more of you. Please email news to me.

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Fredericksburg.com posted a recent article on **Barney Reiley**, CEO of the Rappahannock

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As a member of UMW's College of Arts and Sciences advisory board and part of the Mary Washington First fundraising campaign, **Susan Leavitt** sees **Karrie Nelson Ferguson** and **Marcia Guida James**. At 52, Susan spent the winter training for her first triathlon.

I visited **Teresa Childers Petersen** and husband Mark over the winter holidays at our place in Pompano Beach, Fla. They're doing well in their jobs and planned a summer trip to Taos.

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Jennifer Davidson was excited to receive her first *University of Mary Washington Magazine* in 15 years. She's lived in Cape Town, South Africa, since 2002 and, before that, in Nairobi, Kenya. Jennifer recently earned a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Cape Town.

Russell Berry sells real estate in Texas. He's director of the Texas Association of Realtors and on the executive committee of Dallas' MetroTex Association of Realtors and the board of directors for the National Association of Realtors.

Jennifer Seamon Wise and husband Jim work for the Department of Defense, where Jennifer sees **Kathleen Goeller Booth** and **Renee Allen Kuntz**. The Wises have children Laura, who was to graduate in May from Mary Baldwin College, and Aaron, who just started college. The family toured Fredericksburg in 2001 while on leave from Germany.

I (**Monique Gormont Mobley**) still work with ELL students in K-12 in Wisconsin and was recognized as a staff member of the quarter. My husband was finalizing his doctoral dissertation in military history, our daughter was to graduate in May and hopes to teach elementary students, and our son works for the Boy Scouts in the Seattle area.

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From Kim: I recently graduated from Leadership Lawton-Fort Sill and learned a lot about leadership and the city I've called home for the last 21 years. Our class project was to raise money for elementary school playground equipment for special needs children. I teach four yoga

Rappahannock Area YMCA CEO Barney Reiley '81 oversaw growth from 15,000 to 100,000 square feet, making that YMCA Virginia's largest.

classes a week and love watching beginner students grow and learn. Our computer company has been in business 18 years, and Ken and I were to celebrate our 21st anniversary in June. Find me on Facebook under "Kim Jones Isaac" or email me. I'd love to get lots of updates for each edition.

As an early 50th birthday celebration, **Julie Magness** planned an August trip to Alaska, where she was born. She planned to visit Fairbanks, Denali, Anchorage, Alyeska, and Seward, cruise the inner passage, and end in Vancouver. Julie's parents met in Alaska in the early '60s, when her father was stationed there as an Army helicopter pilot and her mother was teaching elementary school. Her mom was driving when the 1964 Good Friday earthquake hit and was in several newspapers, including *The Washington Post*. Julie's younger

brother, a certified helicopter and fixed-wing pilot, is retiring from the Army.

Nancy Powell Sykes '62 informed us of the October death of her cousin, **Kathryn Irene Ward Dickinson**, after a long battle with cancer. Kathryn was a school speech-language pathologist in Spotsylvania, Va., where she lived for 17 years. She'd worked previously in New Kent and Bristol, Va., and received many awards for excellence during her career. She earned a bachelor's degree in communica-

tion disorders from MWC and a master's of education degree in speech-language pathology from U.Va. in 1989. Kathryn is

survived by her husband of 24 years, Charles Dickinson, and her parents, John and Kaye Ward of Newport News, Va.

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Annice Hirt van der Sluis hadn't written anything for *Class Notes* in 25 years, while she worked, traveled, learned Spanish while living abroad, and explored different careers. She earned a master's degree in early childhood education and spent the next several years working in Alexandria, Va., where she developed a bilingual preschool special education program. She married Howard, a violinist, in 2006. They have daughters Fiona, 7, who Annice homeschools, and Sophie, almost 5. A part-time early childhood education consultant, Annice reconnected with MWC alumna at her 25th reunion.

Jay Immel '89 moved to Iowa in 1993, taught a Western civilization course at Des Moines Area Community College in 1994, and earned a master's degree

in history at George Mason University in 1995. In 2003, he taught a history class at Grand View University in Des Moines. Jay has had poems published in the Iowa Poetry Association journal, *Lyrical Iowa*, for four years.

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Kathryn Courtney Kelchner switched schools this year and is a marine science coordinator/teacher and art teacher at St. Mary Star of the Sea School in Hampton, Va. At a recent meeting at Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School in Virginia Beach, she found the senior pictures of **James Whalen** and **Gary Witzenburg** on the wall. It took her back to those Custis days freshman year!

I celebrated 23 years, from

Donald Rands Fuller '92 deployed with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade to Afghanistan in March, was promoted to chief warrant officer 5, and decided to deploy again.

cartography to program management, with the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. I cart my three boys to soccer and Scout events. I lead my son's den and took them to a January men's basketball game, where they had a blast watching UMW beat Penn State-Harrisburg. My Scout activities also introduced me to fellow pack parent **David Rider '96**, who lives in the Manassas area with his wife and two children.

I recently learned I'm neighbors with **Heather Jackson Priddy '89**. Our sons, Brett and Jack, are friends and classmates at Jennie Dean Elementary School. The world gets smaller all the time. Classmates, please share your experiences with us. We'd love to hear from you.

1991

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Hello, Class of 1991! Please send news and updates anytime. Look for *Class Notes* deadlines in this issue. I hope to hear from you soon!

1992

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I had the flu for weeks last fall, so Tom and I spent a low-key Thanksgiving at home in Johns Creek, Ga. I was better by Christmas, so we visited my family in Lexington, Va. In February, Tom took me to Mobile, Ala., for Mardi Gras, and we watched parades and ate fresh seafood. After several years, I resigned from my volunteer positions on my neighborhood's homeowners association board, and as social director and community newsletter editor. I hope to spend more time with Tom and the Atlanta Outdoor Club. We want

to lead more hikes and camping trips through the Southeast. I plan to paint our house interior and remodel our master bathroom. Then our home will finally be completely renovated. We planned to visit my aunt and uncle in Sarasota, Fla., hunt for sharks' teeth, and explore Myakka River State Park and the Ringling Museum of Art.

Donald Rands Fuller deployed with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade to Afghanistan in March, was promoted to chief warrant officer 5, and decided to deploy again. He hit his 20-year mark last November.

Jeff Jakimtschuk of Palm Beach County, Fla., has been a nurse anesthetist for nine years. He and wife Misty started a thriving vacation rental business and

Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for submissions to Class Agents:

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MARCH 1	SUMMER
JULY 1	FALL/WINTER

The Dangers and Powers of Speech

Today Gerald Ndikintum, M.Ed. '06 is an important figure in the Northern Virginia education community. But not too long ago – before he became an adjunct instructor in the UMW College of Education, before he was chair of the Fairfax County Public Schools Department of English for Speakers of Other Languages, and before he settled in the U.S. – Ndikintum was fighting for the rights of teachers and English speakers in Africa.

A native of Cameroon, Ndikintum developed a love of language early on. He spent 11 years teaching in secondary

schools throughout Cameroon while acting as a teacher representative for a budding trade union. An advocate for the weak, he battled injustices aimed at teachers, women, children, and English speakers. Over time, he found himself getting more politically engaged.

"It was particularly in my fight for teachers and English-speaking Cameroonians that I got very involved with the nascent multiparty politics in Cameroon," said Ndikintum, 48.

In 1996, he ran for parliament on the opposition ticket and lost by fewer than 100 votes. He ended up losing more than the election. "In Cameroon,

it wasn't a welcome idea to run against the ruling political party if you were a civil servant, and as a secondary school teacher paid by the central government, I had done the unthinkable."

Ndikintum continued the fight, but six years later he fled Cameroon in fear for his life. A Peace Corps worker who had lived with him and his family helped him leave.

Once in America, Ndikintum settled in Spotsylvania, Va., where he lives with his wife and five children. He got a full-time teaching job at

Spotsylvania County Public Schools and started reading about teacher education programs in Northern Virginia and Richmond. "I liked what I found in UMW," Ndikintum said. "There was this family feel in the ESL [English as a Second Language] department that made me want to be part of such a family."

He was pleased with his UMW graduate classes because they focused on instructing ESL teacher candidates on how to work with students through classes such as sociolinguistics, second language acquisition techniques, and multi-/cross-cultural communication.

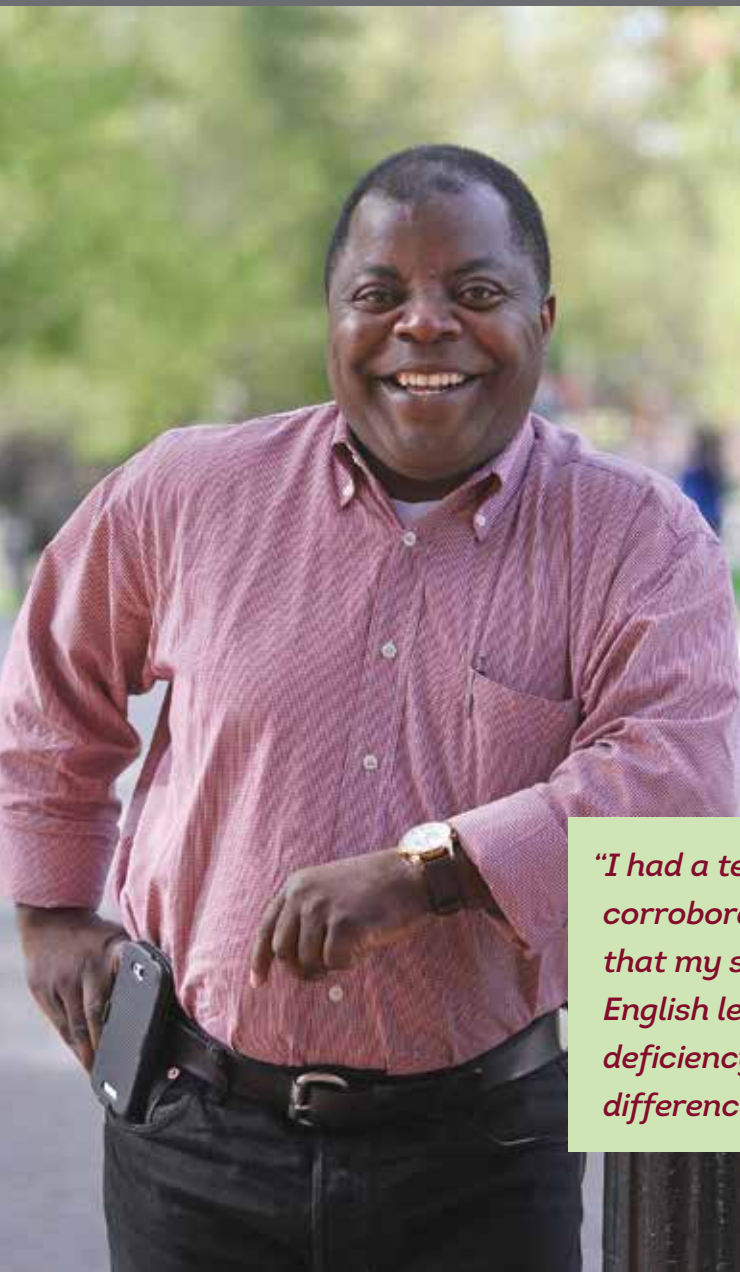
At UMW, the most important thing he learned was how to conduct scholarly education research. "I relished it," he said, and it inspired him to pursue a doctorate.

Professor Jo Tyler and assistant professor Patricia Reynolds were influential during his studies at UMW, Ndikintum said. Reynolds' cross-cultural education class "spoke to me like no other class had done."

"I was able to understand a lot of things that happened around me. I was able to give a name to the things I did, but most importantly, I had a teacher who was corroborating my feeling that my status as an English learner wasn't a deficiency but only a difference.

"I really felt empowered, and this increased my desire to empower others."

– Erica Jackson Curran '07



"I had a teacher who was corroborating my feeling that my status as an English learner wasn't a deficiency but only a difference." – Gerald Ndikintum



hope to expand it in Costa Rica, where they married. Daughter Emma is 9; son Leo is 18 months. Jeff hosts an annual Mary Wash golf weekend, which includes **Brian Bodson, Brady Chapman, Thomas Brophy, Jay MacNamara, Scott Ross, and Drew White.**

Missy Hall Houck left Geico in August 2013, after 20 years,

I enjoyed a weekend of sun, swimming, and bachelorette shenanigans in Scottsdale, Ariz., with Willard Hall roommate and bride-to-be **Kira Stchur**, who was putting the final touches on her San Antonio wedding. Congratulations to **Colleen Minion**, who married Matthew Gill in a small April elopement in Union, Wash. She's now stepmom to Sydney, 8, and

Uganda, visiting Rwanda and touring the country's genocide history. He planned to marry, was expecting his first child, and hopes his next assignment, due next year, will be Havana, Cuba.

Keith and **Flora Adams Mays** and son Porter moved from Birmingham, Ala., to Louisville, Ky., for Keith's job and welcomed triplet girls in May 2013.

Jimmy Rhodes married **Meredith Camp Rhodes '03** in an outdoor October wedding at the Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo, N.C. In attendance were **John Thibodeau, Chuck Markley, Jim Archy, Matt MacDonald, Paul Junod, Jeremy Duval, Alex Panek, Matt White, Chuck Floyd, Steve Lamanna, Mike Holmes, Ted Tschan, Jason Gleason, Melissa Floyd, Jay Hartey, Amanda McLennan MacDonald, Jaimi Lacaria White, Jen Amrhein Junod, Jen Hartey, Jennifer Flynn Duval, Jarrett Whitlow '00, Kevin Bird '02, Gina Nardi '03, and Kellie Shanahan Bird '03.** Meredith and Jimmy, who met in an alumni tent at the 2008 Mary Washington Homecoming, planned to sell their Falls Church, Va., condo and buy their first house together this year.

Stephen Charnoff is a partner with a Tysons Corner, Va., law firm. He and wife **Katherine Fry Charnoff '00** have a 3-year-old son and welcomed a daughter in February.

Corey Sell earned a Ph.D. in education last May from George Mason University and accepted a position as assistant professor of elementary education there in fall. After 13 years teaching elementary students, Corey was enjoying higher education and working with pre-service teachers.

Carol Chace married Marlon Washington in September. **Martha Smith**, who's still in the film business, and **Susanne Eymer Maurer**, who welcomed son Owen in winter, attended.

Laura Reilly Lewis, her husband, and daughter Reilly welcomed Lane Elizabeth in April 2013.

Brian Straight '99 finished his diplomatic assignment to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, took four months of intensive Portuguese classes in the D.C. area, and then transferred to a posting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

and celebrated sixth months in March with Cisco, where she gets to travel and can work from home.

Thanks to Donald, Jeff, and Missy for sending news. Some of us keep in touch through email and/or Facebook, but this magazine's format is a wonderful way to stay connected with Mary Washington and one another. I hope to see more updates in the future.

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Benjamin, 20 months.

Kate Lulfs Ehrle and **Richard Ehrle '85** welcomed William McDonald – 8 pounds, 5 ounces, 21 inches long – in January.

Class news was a bit slow this quarter; I'll blame it on everyone hibernating through the terrible winter. Drop me a line to share summer memories and highlights.

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I hope this update finds everyone happy and healthy. My husband and I were married a year this past March, expect our first child in September, and are looking for a new home. Keep sending updates my way!

Chad and **Jenny Moss Van Riper** welcomed Connor Moss Van Riper – 7 pounds, 13 ounces, 20.25 inches long – in February.

Brian Straight finished his diplomatic assignment to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, took four months of intensive Portuguese classes in the D.C. area, then transferred to his current posting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, last year. He took a monthlong work trip to

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In September, **Michael Malin** lost his courageous battle against brain cancer. "The Magic of Mike" was created to celebrate his memory and help his wife, **Catherine Kohler Malin**, and their two young children. Please consider joining several former classmates at the first annual dinner and auction Sept. 13. Purchase tickets and make donations at themagicofmike.com.

Clifton Williams '02 earned a master's degree at GMU, where he was an adjunct Spanish instructor. He retired and was expecting the arrival of his second great-grandchild. As a UMW visiting professor in October, son Emilio imparted his knowledge to creative writing and drama classes and presented on the worldwide fight against AIDS.

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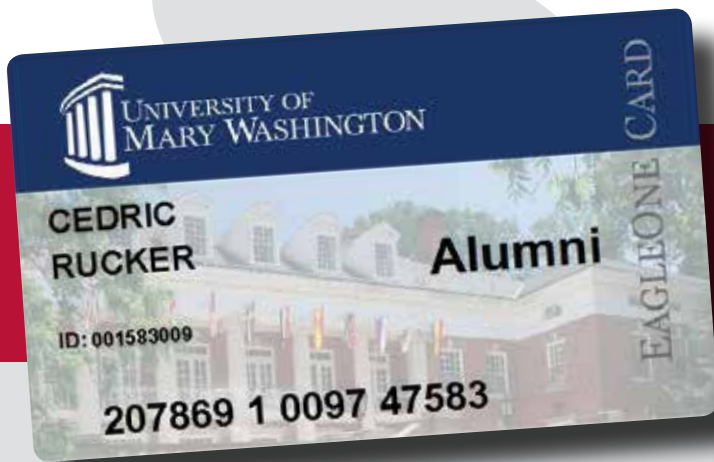
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Erin Connelly married **Jeff Cockayne** at UMW's Jepson Alumni Executive Center in October. **Kate Domitz, Bridget Kavanaugh**, and **Elissa**



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Milanowski were bridesmaids; **Tim Ryan** was groomsmen; and many other alumni attended. It was fun seeing old friends and celebrating in Fredericksburg.

2006

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Deanna Myers-King and husband Benjamin of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley welcomed first child Catherine Marie in April 2013.

Caitlyn Eck turned 30 in March.

Colin Jones returned from Tripoli, Libya, and is a full-time grad student at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs.

Honor Bowman earned an MFA in painting at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

Brent Colin Turner '09, a third-year medical student at Richmond's MCV, is on the board of directors of the international nonprofit Medical Students for Choice.

Lauren Romestan Gallucci and husband Ray welcomed baby boy Roman in Pittsburgh in September.

Shana Muhammad of Washington, D.C., started an event planning business serving the D.C. Metro region.

2007

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Brian Dempsey married **Nora Davis** in fall on a mountain in Maine near Nora's hometown. Bridesmaids were **Caroline Swicegood** and **Chelsea Mahoney Gates**. Party animals were **Mike DeMetro**, **Andrew Goodwin** and **Tessie Duncan**, **Evan Henry** and **Jessica Paquette**, **Pavel Leykin**, **Adam Turner** and **Alissa Bourbonnaiss**, and **Dan Wueste** and **Beka Kruse Wueste**. The newlyweds extend sincere appreciation to Timothy Waltonen, UMW adjunct instructor of English, linguistics, and communication, who paired them up for the final project of Global Issues in Literature freshman year!

2008

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Josh and Emily Frank Poulin welcomed first child Natalie Jeannette in November. **Alyssa Lee** traveled to Cambodia and Vietnam, meeting her mother's side of the family for the first time. She planned summer trips to Seattle and Portland and, possibly, a December trip to Iceland.

2009

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Brent Colin Turner, a third-year medical student at Richmond's MCV, is on the board of directors of the international nonprofit Medical Students for Choice.

Sarah Restaino McLaughlin and husband Jon were expecting their first child, a girl. **Chrissie Woolsey Lincoln** and **Cary Lincoln '08** were expecting their first child, a boy, in June. **Meredith MacDowell Leffler**

Rachael Wonderlin '11 earned a master's degree in gerontology last May from UNC Greensboro and is a health care account manager for a North Carolina-based distributor.

and husband Andrew welcomed daughter Ellie this winter.

Stephanie Kulakowski got engaged to Keith Page in March. **Lizzie Robey** earned a master's degree in special education at the College of William and Mary in 2012 and is engaged to marry Jason Kostyk in June. **Rebecca Blackwell** married Brad Kuller in March in San Diego.

2010

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Bryan Keys proposed to **Kathleen Watson** in a Charlottesville apple orchard in October. The ceremony and reception are planned for next November at UMW's Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

Matthew Doyle, a GIS analyst in Fairfax, Va., and **Ashley Addis**, a first-grade teacher in Loudoun, wed in June in Fredericksburg. **Katie Heskett**, **Jackie Connors Hall '09**, **Jill Maier**, **Zachary Sasser**, **Justin Buckingham**, and **Jonathan Williams '11** were in the wedding party.

Sarah Kersey and **Thomas Moran** planned to marry in October. **Andrew Luton**, a Fox News producer, and **Samantha Miller**, a Grey Advertising account supervisor, met at Mary Washington, live in NYC, and are engaged.

2011

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Sara Cardoza of San Diego, an editor for FMG Publications, competes in triathlons, paints, writes short stories, and was on the hunt for Southern California's best fish taco.

Rachael Wonderlin earned a master's degree in gerontology last May from UNC Greensboro. She's a health care account manager for a North Carolina-based distributor and had been working to start a business assisting caregivers of older adults.

Kira Lanewala, on a management team at a Rappahannock Area Community Services Board group home for adults with intellectual disabilities, is still an avid UMW basketball fan and collector of fuzzy cats.

2012

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2013

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IN MEMORIAM

Laura Evelyn Rose "Teddy" Meyerhoffer '36

Martha Sue McGee Gregg '38

Gaynell Street Fowler '39

Zilpha Constance "Sue" Eubank McDonald '40

Ila Therese Bishop "Honey" Godwin '41

Alyce Amory Roach '42

Clara Bain Rogers '42

Jean Hill Jordan Kenady '43

Marjorie Mercer Cox '44

Nettie Evans Lawrey '44

Martha Scott Rogers '44

Emma Susan Tatum Davis '45

Frances Adelaide Kidd Pearson '45

Margaret S. Langille Adams '46

Margaret "Peggy" James Calvert '46

Mary Laura Hines '47

Anne Everett Mish '47

Gene Watkins Covington '48

Nancy Salisbury Ellis '48

Stella Marie Baker FitzPatrick '48

Mary Caudill Lewis Johns '48

Gwendolyn Brubaker Connell '49

Erminia Ubaldi Kauer Daspit '49

Anne Bell Challender Kearns '49

Ruth McWhorter Stevens '49

Dorothy Ann Dennewitz '50

Eleanor Sullivan Lewis '50

Ann Wilson Payne '50

Alicia de Rivera-Cruz '50

Janice Gray Williams '50

Helen Crittenden Burrell '51

Mary Carol Tyler Harris '51

Barbara Dod Smith Whittle '51

Mary Ribble Cranwell '52

Florence Miller Dabney Haskins '52

Nancy Ann Whitney '53

Nancy Turner Duval Andrews '55

Virginia Dale Richards Gill '55

Mary Lynn Whitten '55

Barbara Phillips Lucas '56

Bennie Sue Doggett Farmer '57

Joan Elizabeth Campen Taphorn '57

Nancy Gay Dillaman '58

Betty Morin Goble '58

Mary Elizabeth Hendrickson Greenup '58

Jane Gresham Beamer '59

Elizabeth "Libby" Holmes McCarty Burchett '59

Sara Jane Prosterman Brown '61

Barrie Ruth Jones Tydings '62

Frances "Frannie" Anne Nicholson Rogers '64

Frankie Lou Soule '64

Beverly Brown Ziegler '69

Diane Ethridge Macon '71

Catherine Olivia Courtney '75

Patricia Anne O'Neil '78

Lawrence Allen Davis '84

Michael K. Worden '84

Scoop John Edward Kelly '95

Wendi Kristin Cooke Williams '95

Robert Kristoffer Ericson '14

Kelly Cherry '61, who lost her sister

Marilyn Brannan Messier Whitmore '61, who lost her husband

Diane Coptly Fadely '65, who lost her husband

Pam Rave Hall '71, who lost her mother

Katherine "Jill" Hadden '74, who lost her father

Rob Hall '77, who lost his father

Karen Jones Bourgeois '78, who lost her mother and her father

Scott H. Harris '83, who lost his father

William R. Waller '84, who lost his father

James Harford Cranwell '85, who lost his mother

Lori Belote Williams '90, who lost her father

Jennifer Belote Fajardo '98, who lost her father

CONDOLENCES

Isabel Hildrup Klein '44, who lost her husband

Mary Norvell Millner Thomson '48, who lost her husband

Billie Mitchell Hanes '50, who lost her son

Gwendolyn Amory Cumming '52, who lost her sister

Carol Oliver Headlee '52, who lost her husband

Ann Tillett Leonard '56, who lost her husband

Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas '59, who lost her husband

Iris Hall Newton '60, who lost her brother

Robert "Bob" Ericson '14

One Note Stand's rendition of *Ain't No Sunshine* captured the sentiment of the UMW campus one day this spring. The song was to have been the senior solo of beloved bass vocalist **Robert "Bob" Kristoffer Ericson '14**, who had passed away unexpectedly just five days earlier, on April 18.

The a cappella group dedicated its spring concert in Dodd Auditorium to the memory of their fellow vocalist, a 22-year-old environmental science major who had epilepsy. At UMW, Bob was captain of the rowing team and participated in Relay for Life. He and his girlfriend, SGA president **Stephanie Preston '14**, were active in student government.

The Mary Washington community shared memories of Bob at a pre-concert balloon release. His parents, Robin and Rebecca Ericson, and his three brothers have established the Robert "Bob" Ericson Environmental Research Endowment. One Note Stand has committed to raising funds for the effort. Donations may be sent to the UMW Foundation, 1119 Hanover St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, with a reference to the fund.



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Eagle Fight Song Scores!

Mary Washington has a fight song, its first ever.

After a campuswide lyrics competition, the winning *Soar, Eagle Nation, Soar!* was unveiled at Devil-Goat Day in April. Women's soccer coach **Corey Hewson, M.Ed. '05** and business major and pep band member **Ronald May '16** wrote the lyrics. Paul Murtha, an arranger for the United States Army Band, was commissioned to compose the melody.

Soar, Eagle Nation, Soar!

Verse 1: Soar, Eagles, soar

March on to victory.

Represent the heights with
Pride and loyalty.

We wear the gray and blue,
Our honor, pure and true.

So fight on Mary Washington,
Soar, Eagle Nation, soar!

Refrain

U. M. Double U!

We rule the nest! (That's right!)

U. M. Double U!

We are the best! (Go! Pride!)

U. M. Double U!

We rule the nest! (That's right!)

Go! Fight! Soar!

Verse 2: Soar, Eagles, soar

High above the heights.

Score just one more time

Fly on to victory!

Our gray and eagle blue

Is mighty to the core!

So fight on Mary Washington

Soar, Eagle Nation, soar!



Corey Hewson (right) and Ronald May (left) wrote the lyrics to UMW's new fight song, *Soar, Eagle Nation, Soar!* Cedric Rucker '81, dean of student life, presented awards for their efforts at Devil-Goat Day.



*"We still love the majestic sound of our Alma Mater, but you just can't sing *High on Marye's Hilltop* in the middle of a basketball game."*

*- Dean Cedric Rucker '81,
associate vice president of student life*

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Respect the 'Stache

Katie Sue Van Valkenburg '14 sported a Hurley-esque mustache as she crossed the stage to accept her diploma at commencement in May. Van Valkenburg is the self-proclaimed president of the President Hurley fan club. She was a freshman when she noticed that UMW's leader – behind his “magical mustache” – was often on Campus Walk talking to students. She said her respect for him has grown ever since.